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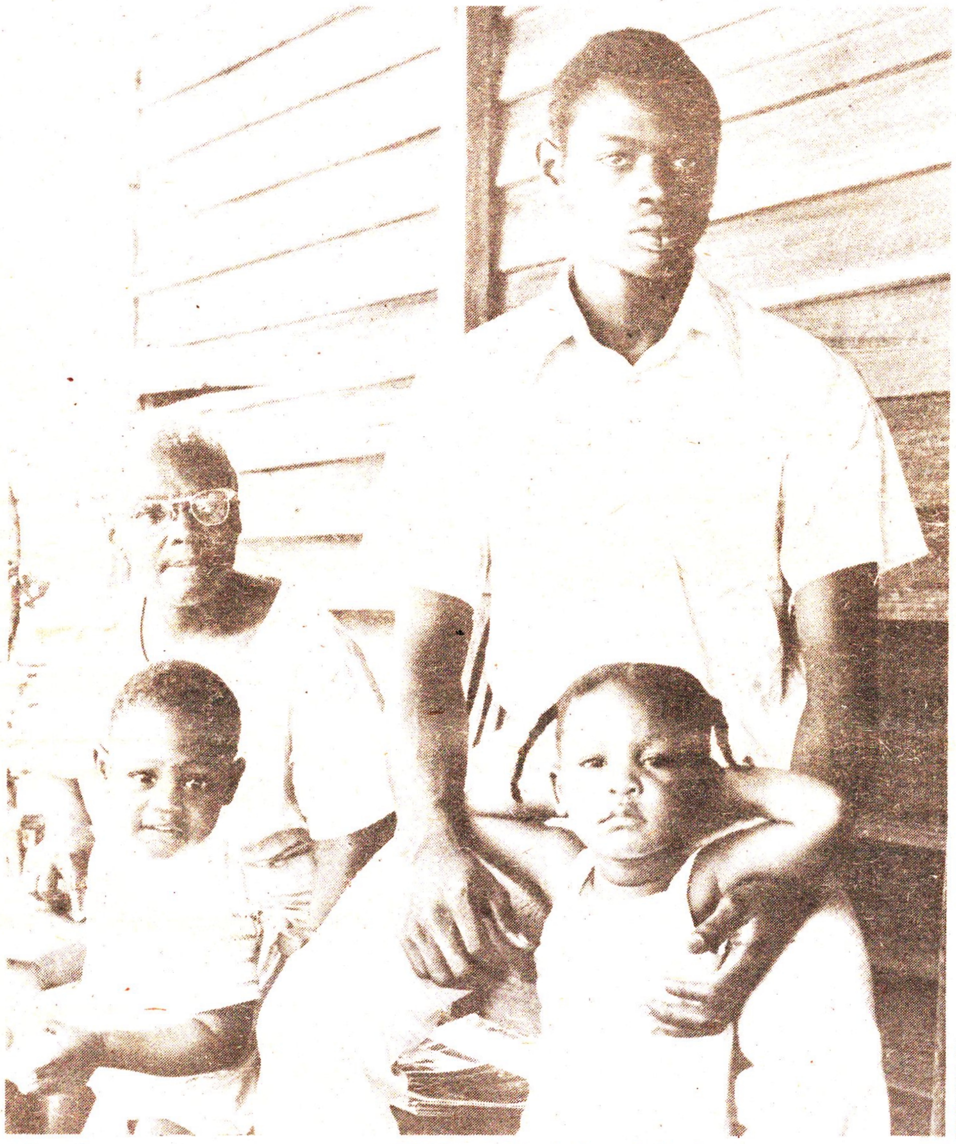
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Mrs. Fannie Lou Watson and family at their home in Dawson. Roosevelt Watson (above, right) was tortured by Dawson police. His forced confession had been thrown out as evidence during the first trial. This decision was appealed by the prosecution lawyers, working wholeheartedly in the interests of the Southern landowners and U.S. imperialists.

Forced Confessions Upheld as Evidence by the Georgia Appeals Court !

Representing the interests of the big landowners, and the U.S. imperialists, the Georgia Appeals Court has ruled, on the basis of a minor technicality, that the forced confession of Roosevelt Watson, of the Dawson 5 can be used as evidence in the trial. The confession was obtained at gunpoint, under the threat of electrocution and castration. The trial date has now been set for December 27.

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On Terrorism:

Playing into the Hands of the Capitalist Class

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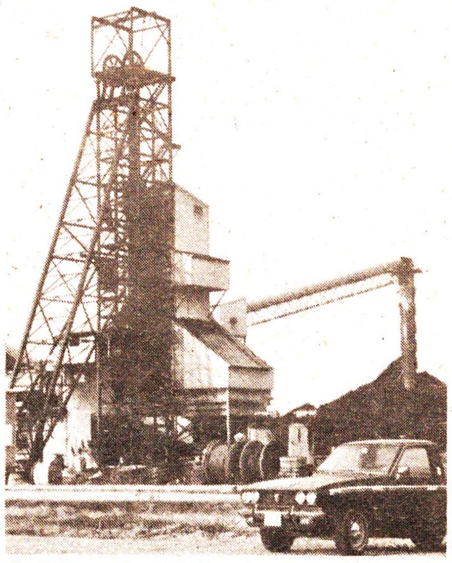
RIGHT TO STRIKE IN DANGER IN THE COALFIELDS

The U.S. capitalists, in their drive for energy self-sufficiency are trying to remove all obstacles to uninterrupted production in the mines. They want an end to strikes. Coal producers have been stockpiling coal in preparation for a long contract battle. U.S. Steel, the leader of the chauvinist campaign against steel imports, has imported large amounts of coal from Europe. The coal operators have made it clear in the negotiations for a new UMWA contract that they want "labor peace".

UMW and Wildcats

The present UMW contract, ratiied in 1974, was the first to contain a no-strike clause in the union's history. The clause itself is in general terms and has mostly been ignored by miners, but is being used more now to weaken the union. Led by U.S. Steel, operators are bringing multi-million dollar damage suits against the union in response to wildcats.

In addition, the Arbitration Review Board, the top level in the grievance procedure, handed down a decision that became effective on November 1. The ruling gives the coal companies the right to fire any miner helping picket at any mine, even if he doesn't work for that company. It also allows a miner to be fired for just passing out information in public which can be seen as fueling a work stoppage.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Old Ben Coal Mine in Franklin, Co., Illinois. Miners ride down the mine shaft, at center, into the mine below the surface.

Attacks on Strikes

This gives direct support to the contract demands of the operators. Nearly every demand, from giving

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EDITORIALS

UNITE! TO GO BI-MONTHLY IN FEBRUARY!

The MLOC is extremely pleased to announce that UNITE! will become a bi-monthly beginning in February. This is an important step toward the development of our goal – a daily working class newspaper in the U.S. which plays a leading role in the fight for state power and socialism.

The development of UNITE! over the last year has reflected the steady ideological, political, and organizational growth of the MLOC into a genuine vanguard fighting organization of the proletariat. UNITE! has been a vital element in waging the class struggle, and preparing the conditions for the formation of a vanguard communist party. It has aimed powerful blows against the trade union bureaucrats and against the revisionists of all hues – whether they preach "detente" or the theory of the "three worlds". This is the course we will continue to follow.

At the same time, we see many shortcomings in the coverage and format of UNITE!, and truly welcome your criticisms to help build the bi-monthly UNITE!

In advancing to a bi-monthly, UNITE! will be able to provide timely and expanded coverage of the struggles against imperialism and opportunism, in the trade unions, the national liberation movements and socialist construction. A bi-monthly UNITE! will also be able to carry more important documents from the international communist movement – such as those reprinted in this issue's supplement.

These and other expanded services will contribute toward the development of a genuine legal and illegal network that will become a true organizing center in the working class movement.

To help build the bi-monthly UNITE! you can:

1 Send your criticisms and suggestions. In December and January we will be summing up the development of UNITE! and laying plans for the future. For that reason, we will not be issuing a January UNITE! Send us your comments on the political viewpoint of the paper, the breadth of coverage, the format of the paper, and what you would like to see in the paper. We will be issuing an evaluation of UNITE! in the early part of next year, which will aide in the development of the bi-monthly.

2 Subscribe to UNITE! Regular subscriptions will be $8.00 per year. But in December and January, a reduced introductory holiday rate is available for $5.00 per year – a savings of $3.00. New subscribers will also receive a complimentary copy of our new pamphlet, **Revolution Will Surely Triumph!** So, if you are not already a subscriber or a regular buyer of the paper, subscribe now! Give a subscription for the holidays!

3 Contribute to UNITE! Many articles and letters in UNITE! are written by worker correspondents and readers of the paper. Send us articles! Write letters! Report on your struggles in UNITE!

4 Distribute UNITE! Try and place UNITE! for sale in smoke shops, bookstores, bars, laundromats, in front of union halls and other places. Find new ways to distribute UNITE!. Order a bundle of papers to distribute to friends and contacts. For 25 copies or more you will receive UNITE! at a 40% discount.

5 Study UNITE! Set up study circles around the bi-monthly UNITE! Use it as a guide to Marxism-Leninism. and the class struggle. Rely upon the summaries of Marxist-Leninist classics and materials from other Marxist-Leninist parties to deepen your understanding of the class struggle. Most of these materials are otherwise unavailable in the U.S.

These and other steps will go a long way toward building the bi-monthly UNITE! and providing the basis for future advances. When the MLOC issues the draft party program, UNITE! will be the main means to take this program to the workers with in depth commentary. We call on all friends and readers of UNITE! to take up this call.

Build UNITE!
Build the Vanguard Communist Party!

Class War, Not Imperialist War!

The drive for energy self-sufficiency is moving ahead with renewed pressure. This energy plan is interwoven with the U.S. imperialists plan for war and world domination.

To use President Carter's own words, "Our national security depends on more than our armed forces. It also rests on the strength of our economy, on our national will, and on the ability of the U.S. to carry out our foreign policy as a free and independent nation. America overseas is only as strong as America at home."

These are the worlds of a true representative of imperialism. To the U.S. bourgeoisie, the ability to "carry out our foreign policy as a free and independent nation" is the ability to continue to exploit and oppress the peoples of the world. The U.S. bourgeoisie wants to make sure that they will not be stopped in their imperialist endeavors, which include gearing up for war against the Soviet Union. This is why they want to be "energy self-sufficient".

Pleading to all the patriotic sentiments of the working class, Carter has asked for the working class to tighten their belts and bear this crisis of the imperialists, while the huge energy monopolies continue to reap untold profits.

But Mr. Carter, we can see through the lies and deception of this so-called energy plan. The working class will not sit still and accept these continued attacks, nor will we come to the rescue of the bourgeoisie. The working class is preparing now, by building its vanguard communist party, to bring an end to the energy crisis and an end to the imperialist plunder of the world's resources and oppression of the peoples of the world, and an end to the imperialist system. Yes, Mr. Carter, we too are preparing for war, not your imperialist war, but class war. And while you and the entire capitalist class can not be sure of the future, we can. The future belongs to the working class.

From the DAWSON 5 SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Editor:

In late August of 1977, The Dawson Five Support Committee was estabished here in Leesburg, Georgia. Since its inception the Committee has busied itself holding meetings, rallies, and raising funds in support of the Dawson Five.

The Committee has moved to establish a set of aims, some of which are to fight for Democratic Rights and Self-Determination in the Black Belt Nation. We also are not the type of organization which limits either its struggles or its form of struggle. We are willing to use whatever means we must to achieve our ends.

On the question of funds we would like to point out that so far we have raised $1,072.40 of which fifty percent has gone directly to the families (Team Defense on the other hand has raised thousands of dollars, none of which has gone to the families). the other fifty percent is utilized by the Committee to pursue the struggle for Democratic Rights and Self-Determination.

While we are on the subject of support we would like to thank all of our Brothers and Sisters for the numerous contributions that have been sent in support of the Dawson Five.

Special thanks should be given to the woman from California who sent us $500.00. Special thanks should also be given to the workers from a shipyard in Seattle for circulating and sending in petitions in support of the Dawson Five.

Our warmest thanks goes to the MLOC for all the assistance it has given us and for allowing us the space in UNITE! to inform Black and working people of our progress.

We have just received word that the confessions are to be upheld in court. This means that we must work and organize twice as hard to free these innocent Brothers from the racist attempt to frame them for a murder which they obviously did not commit.

We know that real victory will only come when the Afro-American has acquired Self-Determination!

Free the Dawson Five! Self-Determination for the Black Belt Nation!

The Dawson Five
Support Committee

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TERRORISM: a False Road to Socialism

There are many false roads to revolution that are presented to the working class, and one of those is anarchism. Anarchists often claim that capitalism will be brought to its knees through endless acts of terror by a band of revolutionaries. These terrorist activities are virtually the only form of struggle of the anarchists, who rarely engage in any work among the masses.

Recently there has been an increase of terrorist activities, including the skyjacking of the Lufthansa jet from Germany, and the kidnapping of Hans Schleyer in Germany. The bourgeoisie has done all it can to promote the claim that these acts of terrorism are acts of revolutionaries trying to make socialist revolution.

However, anarchism is not the road to socialist revolution. In fact, long ago, it was shown to be anti-working class in its very essence. While the anarchists speak of the destruction of capitalism, their understanding of revolution has nothing in common with the Marxist-Leninist understanding of revolution.

In place of the working class as the motive force of revolution, the anarchists place small bands of "revolutionaries", usually from the petty bourgeoisie. Anarchists say that by carrying out "revolutionary" acts such as assassinations, kidnappings, skyjackings, and bombings, they will overthrow capitalism. However, as V.I. Lenin, the great leader of the Russian revolution, pointed out, " . . . the terrorists bow to the spontaneity of the passionate indignation of intellectuals, who lack the ability or opportunity to link up the revolutionary struggle with the working-class movement, to form an integral whole. It is difficult indeed for those who have lost their belief, or who have never believed that this is possible, to find some outlet for their indignation and revolutionary energy other than terror." (**What Is To Be Done?**, FLP, 1973, p. 93).

Also inherent in this viewpoint is the negation of the role of the party of the working class. Anarchists do not think that a revolutionary communist party is needed, instead they stress "self-organization" and the individual.

This viewpoint is nothing new to the class struggle. Back in the 1890's, Lenin waged a struggle against the Narodniks who held these kinds of views. In the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolshevik), the Narodnik's activity was summed up: "The method of combating Tsardom chosen by the Narodniks, namely, by the assassinations of individuals, by individual terrorism, was wrong and detrimental to the revolution. The policy of individual terrorism was based on the erroneous Narodnik theory of active 'heros' and a passive 'mob', which awaited the exploits from the 'heroes'. This false theory maintained that it is only outstanding individuals who make history, while the masses, the people, the class, the 'mob' as the Narodniks comtemptuously called them, are incapable of conscious, organized activity and can only blindly follow the 'heroes'." (HCPSU[B], p. 11).

The revival of anarchism in recent years has been aided by the betrayal of the revisionist parties and the restoration of capitalism in the U.S.S.R. The anarchists have been able to make headway, especially among youth and intellectuals, because the revisionist parties offer no genuine leadership to the revolutionary movement, and offer instead, class collaboration. In the face of the treachery of these parties, the anarchists again reared their heads to sow confusion among the masses.

Not only do the anarchists serve the bourgeoisie by trying to divert the revolutionary struggle of the masses down the road of "revolutionary heroes"; but they also provide the bourgeoisie with an excuse to bring about greater repression on the masses and their parties.

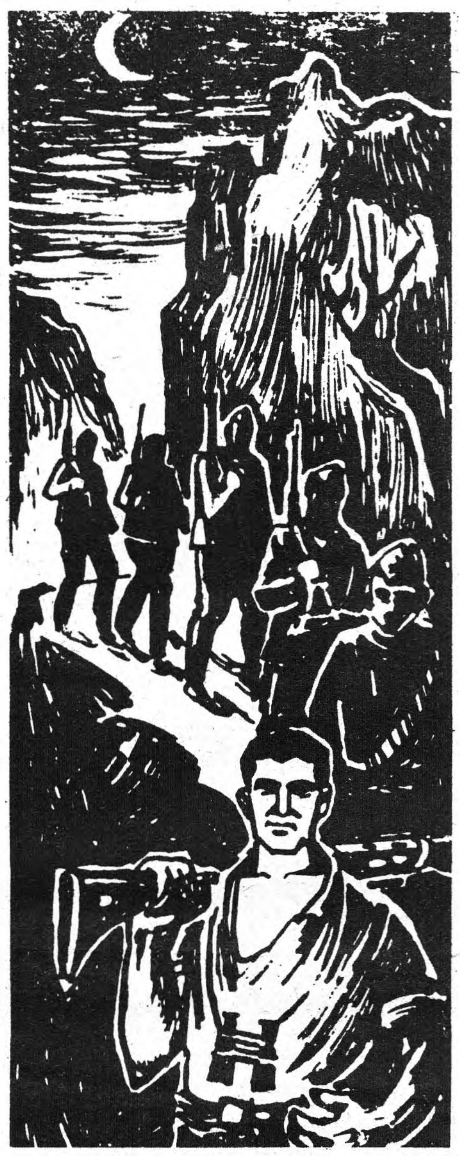
In every capitalist country, the bourgeiosie is developing many so-called "anti-terrorist" measures. Here in the U.S., the Commerce Department has an overseas terrorist unit, assisting various capitalists going overseas. The FBI is beefing up its apparatus and keeping surveillance on more than 100 organizations. Congress has before it a new bill, "The Omnibus Anti-Terrorism Act of 1977" which would give the state extremely broad powers to act in an "emergency"situation.

In Germany, the bourgeoisie is passing legislation to outlaw all communist organizations. Under the cover of anti-terrorist measures, the bourgeoisie ushers in fascism.

Anarchism is a product of bourgeois ideology. Its nature and its practice serve the class interests of the bourgeoisie. Through the denial of the leading role of the vanguard party and its worship of isolated acts of terror, the anarchists completely turn revolution on its head.

Anarchism, through its activities and its theory, leads to demoralization and defeat. It is a counter-revolutionary trend that must be soundly defeated.

As has been proven by all of the victorious socialist revolutions, the working class will be able to defeat the bourgeoisie only through armed struggle led by a vanguard communist party. Unlike the "armed struggle" of the anarchists, this revolutionary armed struggle will be wage ed by the masses of working and oppressed people, not by a small band of individuals. The working class must meet the reactionary violence of the bourgeoisie with the revolutionary violence of the masses. This is the only road to socialism for the working class. ★



Revolutionary class warfare as depicted above has nothing in common with individual acts of terror.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor Exposes Theory of the "Three Worlds"

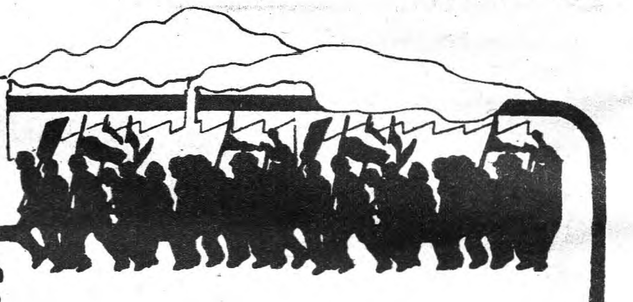
Dear UNITE!,

On October 12, Felix Greene spoke at a China National Day celebration put on by the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association of Seattle. Although he correctly supported normalized relations with China and dropping relations with Taiwan, he confused this with a disastrous line on the international situation. His sum-up was that the U.S. should normalize relations with China because we will certainly need them as allies in the coming world war against the Soviet Union! Normalized relations means normal diplomatic relations and fair trade agreements, **not** a sacrifice of the Chinese people to the monster of U.S. imperialism! This national chauvinist policy ignores **who** will benefit from an imperialist war. The U.S. bourgeoisie may very well benefit by such an alliance with China, but the working class will only benefit by uniting with the international working class, with whom they share the same interest, to STOP the imperialist war plans of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. and by preparing to turn world war into revolutionary war. This is how we can really be the friend of socialist China.

This kind of alliance with China is a logical conclusion of the theory of "three worlds" and seeing the Soviet Union as the main danger, and shows why it is so important to oppose these theories. Felix Greene poses himself as a "neutral observer and documentor" of Chinese society and I believe is currently doing a speaking tour of the U.S. This shows how dangerous folks can get when they think they're being "neutral"!

From a Friend and reader of
UNITE! in Seattle

SHARPEN THE STRUGGLE IN THE TRADE UNIONS



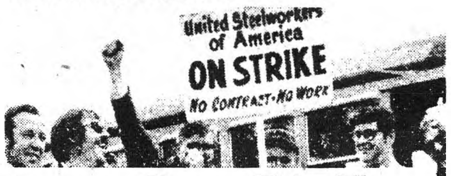
Kropp Forge

Opposed by workers determined to defend their rights, Chicago's Kropp Forge has backed down in its attempt to force workers to use company locks in Kropp's new locker room (see UNITE!, October, 1977). In a letter to the union, Kropp announced workers could use any lock they chose to.

The struggle began in July, when Kropp said workers would have to use company locks. With a master key to these locks, Kropp had access to everyone's locker. Workers resisted the plan and Kropp responded with coercion and intimidation, threatening to cut off any private locks.

But the workers held firm and began a campaign to pressure their union, the Boilermakers, to take up the issue. Even though the union downplayed the struggle, rank-and-file members organized and pressed on, forcing the company to give in.

This is an important victory at Kropp as it proves once again the strength the workers have when unified. It is exactly this kind of unity and determination the workers will need in the upcoming contract negotiations. The message to the capitalists has been sent loud and clear – the unity of the working class is an invincible force!



Iron Ore Strike

Iron ore workers, members of the Steelworkers union, have now entered the fourth month of their strike. This is the longest major strike in the history of the Steelworkers' union. On Nov. 7, negotiators for the miners unanimously voted down the proposal bargained by international president, Lloyd McBride. The miners want an incentive plan that will bring them up to the level of basic steel workers. The iron miners are covered by the same master contract as steel workers.

McBride again proved himself to be no better than a scab and a traitor to the steel workers. He negotiated an offer without any representatives from the negotiating team elected by the miners. The offer gave incentive increases to only 75% of the miners, with the other 25% having to take a wage cut. Also, the incentive program would not become effective until November, 1979, less than a year before the master contract runs out.

These steel workers are now planning to stay out over the long winter months of Minnesota and northern Michigan. The steel companies, which own the major iron mines, have cut off payment to the miners' medical insurance plan in an attempt to break the strike.

Steel workers in District 31, Gary/Chicago, have taken up active support of their striking brothers in the iron mines. Most locals here have made monthly pledges of financial support. In addition, a plant gate collection at Inland Steel, in East Chicago, Ind., gathered $2300 for the miners. Workers at U.S. Steel's South Works took up a plant gate collection and picketed the U.S. Steel headquarters in Chicago, protesting the use of scab iron ore, some of it imported from South Africa.

No-Strike Agreement in Steel

Holds Back the Fight Against Layoffs

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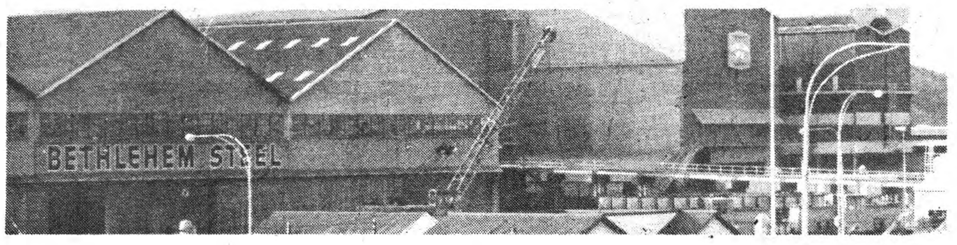

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Arm-in-arm, Lloyd McBride of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA), and Edgar Speer of U.S. Steel (U.S.S.) trooped down to the White House in October to demand that the Carter administration take stern measures against foreign steel producers who are eating into the American steel market. This unity among thieves is extremely useful to the steel companies but is exactly the opposite of what steelworkers need.

In 1971, the USWA bureaucrats and the steel capitalists negotiated their crowning glory, the Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA). The ENA was to provide steel workers with job security by ending the "instability" of the steel industry. Supposedly, the long-standing "boom-and-bust cycle" in steel caused by strikes and stockpiling for strikes was laying the U.S. market open to invasion by foreign competitors. The bureaucrats and capitalists promised stability for steel workers. In turn they took away the right to strike.

But the ENA has not stopped lay-offs. The absence of strikes has not kept foreign steel out of the U.S. market. The ENA simply tied the hands of the workers and keeps them from fighting the increasing lay-offs.

The current wave of lay-offs and shutdowns are exposing the ENA as a complete fraud and are threatening the "labor peace" that the bureaucrats and the capitalists have imposed on the workers. So now this treacherous duo is again attempting to turn aside the mounting anger of the workers and direct it instead towards foreign imports and foreign workers.

Foreign steel has been coming into the U.S. market for almost 20 years. In fact, steel imports are now less in total tons than in 1971, as well as in percentage of steel used domestically. Speer himself admitted on TV in September that the sudden hue and cry about imports was not due to any substantial change in the amount of imports. It is just that the market for U.S. imperialism is shrinking. The present crisis is the long-term result of the uneven development of capitalism around the world and the growing competition among imperialist powers for an ever-shrinking world market. This is the result of popular resistance to imperialist exploitation.

For some 40-50 years, the U.S. steel companies held the leading edge in the world market. After World War II, the U.S. imperialists, trying to hold back the tide of revolution and desiring to consolidate their own hold, encouraged industrial development in the war-torn capitalist countries. For example, the U.S. helped build Germany as a bulwark in Europe against the Soviet Union. It helped build Japan as a bulwark against liberation wars in Asia. In both Japan and Germany, steel mills have been built with the latest technology. Today, these modern mills have allowed these capitalists to become strong competitors with U.S. steel corporations. In the U.S., major investments back into the mill to modernize them has become the exception rather than the rule.

This situation has led to an even stiffer competition between capitalists. This is not something unique or new to capitalism, but is its life-blood.

So now the steel barons are demanding import quotas to help equalize the situation. This would clearly heighten the competition between the imperialists and sink the world capitalist system even further into its General Crisis. Import quotas will not help steel workers, however, any more than the ENA helped steel workers. The steel capitalists and the trade union bureaucrats are trying to convince workers that cutting off steel imports will create jobs and will prevent the closures of mills. But this argument misses an important point.

In the U.S. today, the demand for steel is way down because the economy is down, and not just temporarily. The economy is sinking lower and lower as a result of the General Crisis of the entire capitalist system. The campaign for imports is not really a question of reviving the steel industry but much more a question of desperately trying to maintain the current low level of production. But even this is not possible. Capitalism either expands or it dies. It cannot remain static. And it is clear that it is dying. Its tentacles around the peoples of the world are being cut off one by one through national liberation wars and socialist revolution. This means the competition with other imperialists is getting stiffer and stiffer.

The capitalists are trying to place this crunch on the backs of the working class. The effects are certainly felt with millions of working men and women laid-off all of the time.

The working class has the powe to stop lay-offs and only the working class has that power. But it i not going to be easy. To stop lay-off permanently we must overthrow th capitalist system which causes bot lay-offs and unemployment.

But even in the short run, we still can and must fight against lay-offs. **The ENA must be smashed. This chain that ties the hands of steel workers must be cast aside. Steel workers must have the right to strike against brutal conditions and against tens of thousands of steel workers being forced into the streets.**

Although the contract for the USWA does not come up for another 2 years, the ENA must in practice be made null and void. Steel workers must be able to fight these lay-offs, and if this means striking in order to stop the lay-offs then steel workers must strike. In the battle for a new contract, steel workers must demand the right to ratify their own contract so that labor "peacekeeping" deals like the ENA will no longer bind our hands.

Stop Lay-offs!

Steel Workers Exploited by Incentives

UNITE! Photo

U.S. Steel, Gary Works in Gary, Indiana.

Early this year,U.S. Steel (U.S.S.) opened a new department at its Gary Works. The workers use a new process to galvanize sheet metal used by the auto industry. After 8 months of rolling, workers here still have no firm job descriptions, no job classifications, and no concrete incentive plan. What they do have is unsafe working conditions, job combinations and eliminations, and 8 hours a day of breathing zinc chloride acid fumes.

There are many reasons why these steel workers work under unsafe conditions. One of the major ones is a weak and compromising USWA local, Local 1066. Led by a small group of opportunists, working under a sell-out contract, the union strongly discourages any form of resistance which would slow down or stop production.

In addition, 50% of the workers in this particular department are new to U.S.S., hired on as "temporary" laborers. "Temporary" means they are not permanently assigned to this department and can be transferred at the company's whim. While on probation, they have no union rights until they have worked 520 hours, or approximately 3 months, even though they pay union dues after 30 days. The use of inexperienced workers who can be fired without recourse is a company maneuver to prevent any rank-and-file resistance.

But even in spite of these odds, there has, in fact, been a lot of resistance from the rank-and-file. For example, in a recent incident, six lower-paid line crew workers refused to do work that was unsafe and also not in their job description. Older and younger workers stuck together, remaining firm in their refusal to do the work, and were sent home for the remainder of the turn. The rest of the line crew (higher-paid line operators) followed suit a few hours later when they were asked to do the same job. When the line crew approached the union representatives the morning after, they were given no support. Instead, they were chastised by the local president for causing a work stoppage!

Trade Union Bureaucrats Serve The Labor Aristocracy

In general, the trade union bureaucracy fights for the higher-paid, skilled minority of workers, like the higher-job class line operators, and ignores the majority of workers. It is from the ranks of these labor aristocrats that the local president (himself a former member of the labor aristocracy) appoints people to serve on the incentive committees, job classification and description committees. These appointees, who in general defend the company against the interests of the majority of rank-and-file workers, are also the people who end up as delegates to union conventions and are therefore able to perpetuate the bankrupt leadership of the USWA. They also have the most control over production, and benefit most from the incentive plans (see box). These are the conditions that lay the basis for their being bribed by the bosses and working against the interests of class unity. In a recent union meeting for example, one of these line operators tried to divide the workers by pitting the maintenance department against production workers. This was a clear instance of the individualism this strata promotes in order to split and divide the workers in its own interests.

Incentives: A Plan for Speed-up

Workers in this department have been receiving a low, fixed incentive for an "interim" period until the regular incentive plan is established. The contract guarantees that incentives be established in new facilities after 6 months of operation, but after 8 months there is still no rate here. The company would like to continue this interim period for as long as possible since the mill is already producing far more than was expected. As a result, the workers have voted to have their representatives force the company to install a new incentive plan. It is very important in this struggle that the incentive plan be ratified by a democratic vote of the entire workforce and not just the union representatives.

Incentives Exploit and Divide the Working Class

In the main, incentives are used to raise the level of exploitation of workers (see box), to divide workers, and eliminate jobs. For example, in the zinc anode (bar) casting section of this mill, 3 crews (of 3 workers each) each produce 150 to 200 anodes per turn. In order for the galvanizing line to run, it needs 500-600 bars a day. When a new, higher incentive plan goes into effect, in order to make a maximum rate, the casting crew could really push it and actually produce as many as 400 anodes a turn. Under capitalism, workers are driven to work at unsafe speeds in an attempt to make the wage they need to live and support their families. If both crews even produced only 300 bars, this would clearly eliminate the need for a third crew.

Demand Rank-and-File Ratification!

Although incentives are seen as a means to bring wages above a subsistence level, in reality they do not. What they do do is pit workers against each other and speed-up production, as workers push harder and harder to make a "good" rate. **The incentive plan must be struck from the national contract altogether, and replaced by a higher day rate — across-the-board wage increases. In order to accomplish this, workers must have the right to ratify the national contract themselves, instead of the trade union bureaucrats and the labor aristocracy.**

But until we are able to change the national contract, we must fight in every way for a decent living standard for all workers. In the short run we must struggle for the improvement of working conditions and of the incentive rate of the majority of workers, not just the higher-paid and privileged few.

Our immediate demands are:

1) No incentive penalties for down time!

2) Equal incentives for all workers!

3) Rank-and-file ratification of the incentive plan!

Higher Day Rate, End Incentives! Rank-and-File Ratification of the Contract!

How Incentives Work

To many steel workers, the incentive system, like working doubles and 6- and 7-day weeks, is a necessary evil. It is a way to make a better living than their straight wages would permit. Most workers realize that the incentive system is oppressive , that it leads to pushing harder. Also, the group incentive rates among a crew in a particular mill lead to antagonism within the crew. In one sheet mill at U.S. Steel, Gary Works, the line is on one incentive rate, the bander another, the weighers and stockers another, the cranemen another, and the maintenance people still another (the laborers, as is generally true throughout the entire plant, get no incentive); and all of this is in a department of under 100 people. On the incentive issues the company never has to face the united force of all the workers, only small groups of 10 or 20.

Capitalists as a class can only make profits by paying out in wages less than the full value of the labor time in the products they produce. They pay us only enough to maintain ourselves, to be able to come back day after day. Like any other products, a certain number of hours are required to produce the goods consumed by the working class. Time worked over and above the hours of work necessary to maintain the working class is the source of all capitalists' profits. It is therefore everywhere to the capitalists' advantage to extend the working day and extract the maximum surplus value. The incentive plan in steel is one way they do this.

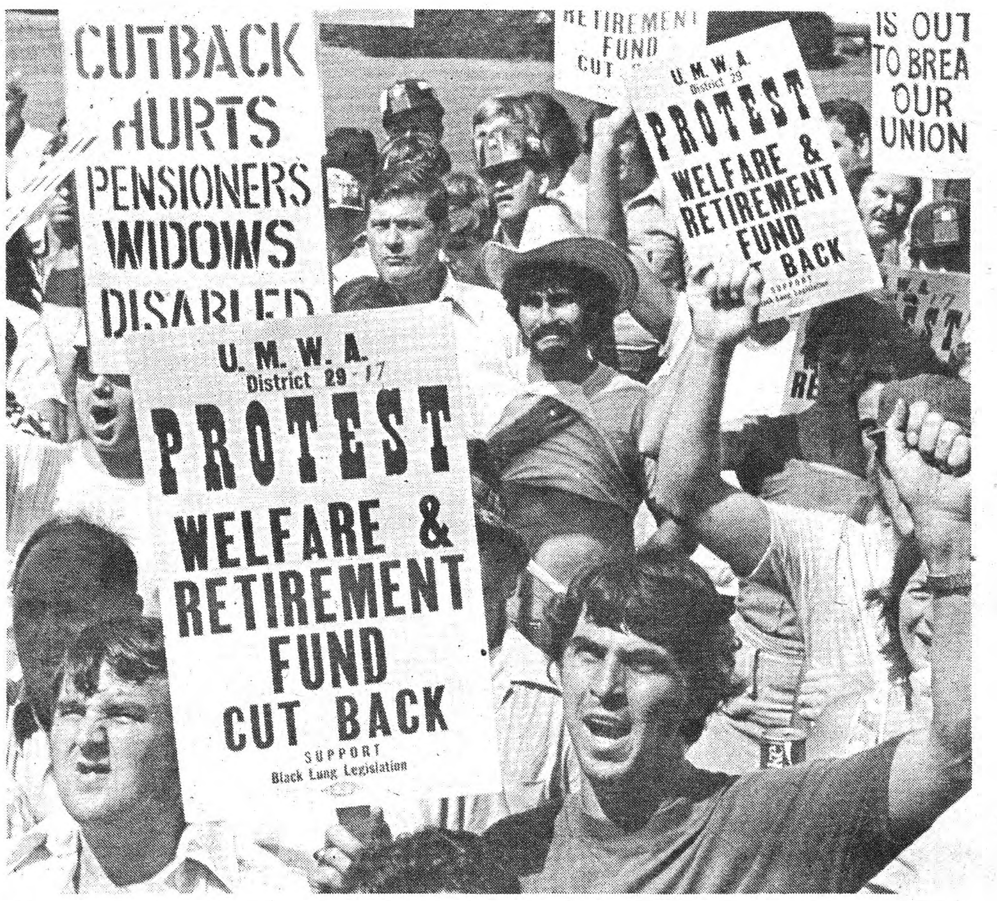
Steel workers in the big 10 mills have a wage scale with 34 job classes, each one worth 11 cents/hr. more than the last, beginning at $6.215/hr. The worker on incentive has his or her wage rate divided into two parts, the incentive calculation rate, and the hourly additive. It looks like this:

Job Class	Calculation Incentive Rate	Hourly Additive	Total
1–2	3.600	2.615	6.215
10	4.264	2.839	7.203
20	5.094	3.119	8.213

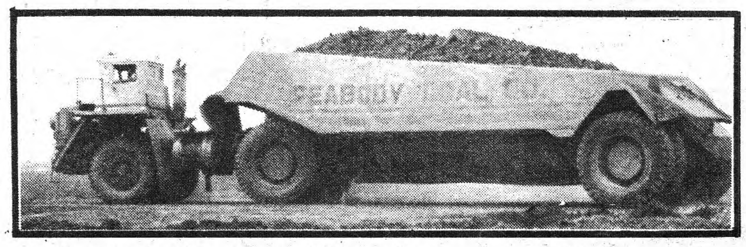
Let's take the example of a worker who is a feeder in a cold reduction mill, job class 10. If there were no incentive in this mill, the feeder would make $7.103/hr., no matter how much steel was produced. But let's say the feeder is on the incentive system and the rate for the cold reduction mill is set at 500 tons in an 8-hour turn equals 100%.

If the crew rolls 500 tons in a turn, the feeder gets 100% of the incentive calculation rate, that is, $4.264, plus the hourly additive, $2.839, for a total of $7.103. But if the crew produces 1,000 tons in 8 hours, that is, 200%, the feeder doesn't get $14.206, he gets the incentive calculation rate x 2 — $8.528 — plus the hourly additive — $2.839 — for a total of $11.157. The feeder and the crew are producing twice as much steel in the same period of time, but the company isn't paying them twice as much, but only about 78% as much. Another way of seeing it is that if it took two turns — and therefore two crews — to roll the same amount of steel, the company would have to pay much more over an 8-hour period, like $7.103/hr. to 2 workers and thereby $14.206 for the same amount of steel. This is why the company likes the incentive system — it enables them to extract greater surplus value from each worker. ★

Right to Strike in Danger!



Striking miners rally in Washington D.C. to protest cuts in medical benefits (above) this past summer. The right to strike is a fundamental right which the working class must militantly defend against the attacks of the capitalists.



Coal being trucked out of a mine in Southern Illinois (left).

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rewards to miners who cross picket lines, to the elimination of mandatory overtime pay for weekends (setting them up as make-up days for mid-week wildcats), are aimed at removing the strike from the miners' arsenal.

In response, UMW president Arnold Miller has proposed a "limited" right to strike. This would give locals the power to strike only over "serious" local issues if passed by a majority vote. This would isolate individual locals, because other mines couldn't strike in sympathy. They would have to have the same grievance and have a majority vote, too. This would keep miners from striking over issues that affect the entire working class, as they did when they struck to lower the price of gas for all of West Virginia during the energy crisis. It would also put the union bureaucrats, instead of the rank and file miners, in control. In addition, the operators would have extra leverage for attacking the union.

Miller's proposal actually moves the UMW one step closer to losing the right to strike. He is doing the work of the capitalists better than they can do it themselves.

The steelworkers are an example of what can happen if this right is removed. Under the ENA (Experimental Negotiating Agreement), steelworkers can't strike even when their contract has expired. The steel companies are taking advantage of that now as they lay off thousands of workers. Another danger is that any strike could result in breach-of-contract law suits. The million dollar fines that the protectors of the capitalists, the courts, would hand out could bankrupt the union, leaving miners with no protection at all. To enforce injunctions and break strikes, state troopers are likely to be brought in, as has already happened at the Stearns mine.

Strikes – Weapons of the Class

The miners' struggle for a contract is a very important struggle for the entire working class. **The right to strike is a key issue for both the capitalists and the working class. Strikes are one of the weapons of the working class. They are schools of class war.** They teach the workers to unite as a class in struggle against another class, the capitalist class and its lackeys. They help prepare the working class for the main battles ahead, the seizure of state power.

Strikes remind the capitalists that all of their wealth is produced by the working class, and reminds them of the power the working class holds. While strikes are just one weapon of the working class, they are a very important one. The right to strike must be defended.

Workers and all progressive people must stand with the miners in this struggle. Our unions must provide concrete aid to the miners, with donations of money, physical support at demonstrations and picket lines and through resolutions in the trade unions and other organizations supporting the miners

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1955 AFL-CIO Merger:

A Merger that Split the Working Class, or One Step Forward, Two Steps Back

Twenty-two years ago, on December 5, 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO, ending almost twenty years of organizational division in the U.S. trade union movement.

The merger was a step forward because the working class needs one single trade union center. But it was a step backwards in that the creation of the AFL-CIO brought tens of millions of unskilled and semi-skilled workers in the basic industries under the direct organizational and ideological control of the representatives of a relatively small number of craft workers. With the merger, a fundamental split in the working class movement was deepened: it drew the masses of industrial workers further away from their revolutionary class conscious vanguard, the communists, and strengthened the hold of the capitalist class through the opportunist, class-collaborationist labor aristocracy, over all of organized labor.

Originally, there was only the AFL, whose membership was firmly based in the building and printing trades, organized along craft lines. By the mid-1930's, after 55 years of existence, the AFL had only organized three and a half million workers out of the 39 million in the U.S. The AFL's narrow-minded craft unionist leadership refused to organize the masses of industrial workers, for whom craft organization was unsuitable. When industrial workers did organize themselves, the AFL typically moved in and wrecked their organizations. In 1934-35, 6500 out of 8000 steelworkers in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania formed their own union, despite the death threats of the capitalists; the AFL organizers moved in and formed nine separate craft locals. Result: after 18 months of life-and-death struggle, the steelworkers ended up with no union at all, not even a craft union!

In the 1930's the demand for organization from the unorganized workers in steel, auto, glass, rubber and other basic industries reach a high pitch. The industrial unionists, led by the UMW, came to the 1935 AFL convention prepared to make the AFL turn toward organizing the industrial workers. But they were defeated. A few days later, under the leadership of miners and clothing workers, they formed within the AFL, the Committee for Industrial Organization. The CIO soon started a major organizing drive in steel, forming the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

In 1936, the Executive Council of the AFL suspended and later expelled the CIO and the 12 unions affiliated with it, for dual unionism and insubordination. In 1938, at Pittsburgh, the Committee for Industrial Organization held a constitutional convention and formed the independent Congress of Industrial Organizations.

It should be emphasised that the split between the AFL and the CIO was not just over craft vs. industrial forms of organization, but to organize the millions of workers in basic industry. The AFL was not at all interested in organizing the class against capital.

The CIO partially took up this task, and performed great services to the working class by establishing unions in almost all the basic industries. They made an alliance with the Communist Party U.S.A. to take up this work.

That alliance collapsed in the 1940's and 1950's for two reasons. The CIO leaders had gotten what they needed from the communists, namely their organizing skill, manpower, and influence over large numbers of workers; then the CIO purged the communists from the unions. The CPUSA, for its part, had already started down the road of opportunism toward the revision of Marxism-Leninism. It mistook the militancy of the CIO leadership for class-conscious leadership and for the sake of immediate gains it compromised with the purely trade-unionist ideology and policy of the CIO leaders. They ended up handing the entire organizational network they had built up over to the CIO, having in the meantime failed to raise the revolutionary class-consciousness of the rank-and-file workers to a level where they could resist the opportunism of the trade union bureaucrats.

The differences between the leadership of the AFL and of the CIO were never fundamental, only superficial, and so by the 1950's, they actively sought to reunite When they merged in 1955, they formally excluded communists, reaffirmed their loyalty to the capitalist system ("the American Way" as they were fond of calling it), and the leaders of the CIO unions submitted to the dominance of the AFL leadership.

In the present AFL-CIO, the control of the craft unions is again

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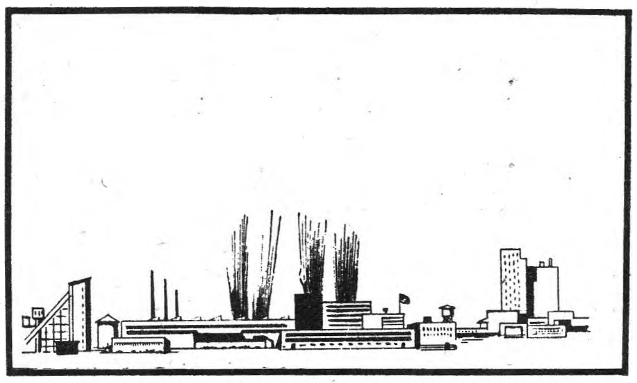
Smash the "Right to Work" Laws!



From an AFL-CIO pamphlet, this drawing illustrates their class-collaborationist views on labor "cooperation".

The battle of the U.S. working class to organize into unions is far from over. The bloody battles of the 1930's left major sections of the working class still unorganized. Despite myths that the U.S. working class is highly organized, in fact, only 26% of workers belong to unions. In the states of the South and the Southwest the figures range from 6% to a high of 19%. These figures are not surprising. Both the oppressed Black Belt Nation and the oppressed Chicano peoples have long been the source of superprofits for the bourgeoisie.

The bourgeoisie has had all of its faithful servants help them to maintain this low level of organization in the working class. In most of the southern and southwestern states there are the notorious "right-to-work" laws which should be more properly called "right to starve" laws.

Prohibiting closed shops, these laws very effectively break the strength of unions. Even if the vast majority of workers vote to have a union, the small minority of workers who were opposed have the "right" to not belong. Open shops have always meant that the workers were in no position to oppose the exploitation of the capitalists. In "right-to-work" states, non-union workers have the legal right to cross the picket line as scabs, thereby undermining the power of the workers' unity in their strike.

The existence of "right-to-work" laws has meant extreme hardship for the workers in those states and meant great profits for the capitalists. It has meant workers receive approximately half the wages that organized workers receive in the northern states. It has meant receiving little or no health coverage and certainly no dental care. Conditions in the plants are wretched. Most of all, "right-to-work" laws have attacked the workers' ability to fight back.

The capitalists say that "right-to-work" laws are passed in order to protect the individual freedom of the workers. Individual freedom to be exploited. Individual freedom to low pay. Individual freedom to unsafe working conditions. Individual freedom to have no fighting ability. This they call freedom! But underneath all their deception is the right of the capitalists to derive superprofits from the exploitation of workers.

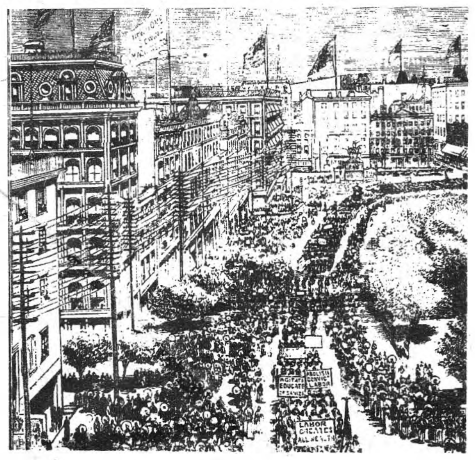
Why has this been allowed to go on so long? Why have the unions not gone into these areas and organized? The trade union bureaucrats have not gone into the South and Southwest because it simply has been in their interests **not** to organize these areas. From the superprofits which the capitalists make from the labor in the Black Belt South and the Southwest, a small part goes into the pockets of the trade union bureaucrats and another part goes to bribe a small strata of the working class, the labor aristocracy. They receive these small bribes in return for a large favor to the capitalists: class collaboration. This class collaboration takes many forms and one of these has been to not organize in the South and the Southwest. They have left these regions wide open for the capitalists to exploit and oppress.

The trade union bureaucrats now have consented to "push into the South". They have launched their "Operation Dixie". But what a sham! For the entire South, they have committed only 200 organizers for some 25 million unorganized workers! And even where they are really making a push, what are their tactics? They depend on the liberal bourgeoisie for support. They rely on legal maneuverings. They actively discourage any kind of mass actions like strikes. They plead the case as a moral issue, begging the bourgeoisie for some crumbs. History has shown the working class through bitter lessons that major organizing battles have not been won in the courts or by begging. All we have to do is look at some recent struggles to know this. Look at Stearns where the miners have been in a pitched battle for well over a year for a contract. Or look at the Brookside mine in 1974, or at Farah in Texas.

Organizing in the Black Belt South and in the Southwest is not going to be a peaceful struggle nor is it going to be easy. But that does not deter the working class from aggressively taking it up. There must be an all-out campaign waged in order to succeed. It means that organized workers must demand that the unions go all out and organize the unorganized. At the same time it must be realized that the trade union bureaucrats, as they take up organizing the unorganized, will do so only to collect more dues and to feather their own nests. While we organize into the existing unions, we must also prepare the way so that in the future we will be in a position to throw these bureaucrats out of the unions and replace them with class-conscious leadership, based on a broad rank-and-file movement.

Organizing the unorganized means that there must be mass actions, demonstrations and strikes in order to counter the class collaboration of the trade union bureaucrats. We must demand an end to the "right to work " laws. We demand the right to organize so that the working class will be in a better position to fight for socialism. ★

Drawing of the first national Labor Day parade in 1882 when 20,000 marched into New York's Union Square.



secured at the top through the Executive Board, which gives small craft unions the same voting power as huge industrial unions (one union, one vote). On the local level, the craft unions dominate through their control of city and county Central Labor Councils, where twenty or thirty craft unions representing a few thousand workers can outvote two or three industrial unions representing tens of thousands of workers.

Up to the 1930's the influence of the labor aristocracy over the working class movement was therefore mostly indirect, and manifested more in the absence of organization and leadership than in mis-leadership over the masses. Now the AFL-CIO has delivered tens of millions of industrial workers directly into the hands of the labor aristocracy. This is manifested in the imposition of the no-strike Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA) on steel workers, the refusal of the UMWA to organize the unorganized, the veto power of craft unions in the UAW, the refusal to wage a massive campaign in the South and the Southwest to organize unions and fight "right to work" laws, and the nation-wide chorus of trade union propaganda that echoes and amplifies the filthy national chauvinist and war-mongering demagogy of the bourgeoisie.

The Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee dedicates itself to the struggle to destroy the influence of the labor aristocracy over the working class, and to lead the trade unions to take up their historic role in emancipating the working class from the rule of capital. We fight for the unity of all workers, but we also fight for the leading role of the industrial proletariat in the working class movement, and for the dominance of the industrial unions within the AFL-CIO. In every local, district, and international union, we seek to lead the workers to throw out the bureaucrats who represent the labor aristocracy and replace them with leadership that is based on the rank and file guided by proletarian ideology. ★

FORD'S RACE FOR PROFIT ENDANGERS HUMAN LIVES

In Ford Motor Co.'s frantic drive for profits, the health and safety of workers is callously disregarded. With every new year and new model comes a speed-up on the lines on which autos are produced. At the present time, almost a car a minute is produced. It is difficult to imagine what this means in terms of workers' lives.

The Line is Never Shut Down

Workers are required to work at a frenzied pace for long, grueling hours – a 60-hour work week is common. The pace of production is such that workers must practically run from auto to auto to do their assigned tasks, and accidents are common.

Hazardous conditions are everywhere. Workers are constantly tripping and falling over the stock which lines the aisles through which workers must move with great speed. Hard cement floors are covered with water, oil, or anti-freeze and lead to numerous broken bones and serious back injuries. Fingers are lost, toes are crushed, muscles strained and torn as Ford pushes workers' bodies in outmoded and hazardous plants to produce autos which will swell their already huge profits. If an accident occurs, if a worker is covered with blood or unconscious due to an injury, the first thing the foreman says is, "We've got to get someone to take his place." The line is never shut down and other workers hardly have time to glance at their injured friend.

Accidents Disable and Disfigure Workers

In 1976, at one Ford plant, there were almost 500 accident cases and 224 days in which a worker was unable to complete the day due to injury. 533 workers required an assignment to light duty due to an accident which had either permanently or temporarily disabled some part of their body. And these figures do not even reveal the numbers of workers with low seniority who are afraid to even report an accident or injury for fear of being fired.

Make the Unions Fighting Organizations

A large part of the workers' fight is to even get the union bureaucrats to move on safety issues. Grievances pile up undealt with. Workers are forced to wildcat over hazards and harassment and union officials stand by and let Ford speed up the line again and again.

Auto workers must fight hard to make our unions fighting organizations that will ensure safety on the job and take a strong stand against the brutality of the company which sacrifices workers' lives at the alter of profits. **We demand safe working conditions, and an end to all speed-up and forced overtime!**

A Interview with Tirivafi Kangai of ZANU

Zimbabwe African National Union

UNITE!: What is the present situation in Zimbabwe?

ZANU: The situation is excellent. We have the upper hand over the enemy. About 2/3 of the country is under military operation and the presence of our fighting forces is felt everywhere. The cadre are in control of the liberation forces. They help the people in the crops in the fields, growing food for the people and for the cadres. Also, mobile clinics and schools have been established in these areas so there is already a social transformation going on in about 1/3 of the country. This we feel we can defend by the land and by air.

UNITE!: What do you think about the death of Steven Biko and the demonstrations that are taking place now?

ZANU: Well, for us in Zimbabwe, this is nothing new. Many brothers and sisters have died the same way in Namibia, Zimbabwe, and Azania. There are many in the western world who tell liberation movements in Southern Africa to do civil disobedience, hold mass rallies, economic boycotts. We have done these too, and they only get us shot and killed. That is why in Zimbabwe we don't put our kids on the streets; instead we give them political education, military training, and give them weapons so that they can fight the racists. I think that it is the same in the liberation movements in Azania. How else are you going to prepare for armed struggle? This is the only way. In order to stop terrorism committed on African people by Vorster and Ian Smith we have no alternative except to fight back – to meet reactionary violence with revolutionary violence. This is how we look at it.

UNITE!: How would ZANU go about preventing a civil war between ZANU and ZAPU?

ZANU: So far we have formed a united front between ZANU and ZAPU, the Patriotic Front. We have agreed to wipe out imperialism, colonialism. We are also in a process of integrating our armies. So this is what we are doing to prevent a civil war in Zimbabwe. There are, of course, imperialist forces who would like to split the Patriotic Front for they are the ones to gain and the people are the ones to suffer. So I cannot rule out this happening. We will fight to avoid it. If it comes, we will try to fight against it for the interests of the people. If a neo-colonial power comes in, the fighting will continue. So until there is genuine independence in Zimbabwe, fighting won't stop. We call it class struggle. ZANU has a principle: "we are our own liberators". We are doing our fighting on our own. We will remove Ian Smith on our own, without bringing in external forces.

UNITE!: What do you think of the role of the UN?

ZANU: They have supported our people in some areas, medicine, food, and clothing. That is where they played the most positive role. Also, they gave us some exposure at a conference. But militarily, in other countries they have performed a negative role. For example, in the Congo, the UN actually supported the reactionary forces. They also helped in the assassination of Patrice Lumumba, they stopped him from using his radio station to speak to his nation. The same applies in Korea; they are supposed to be UN peacekeeping forces, but I think that they are U.S. forces and there is no peace there at all. The same applies to the Middle East and Cyprus, so why should Zimbabwe be an exception? We are very suspicious of any foreign troops coming into Zimbabwe. We can deal with the situation on our own.

UNITE!: How long do you think it will be before total liberation in Zimbabwe?

ZANU: That is very hard to say. I don't know. Anything can happen at any time. We may have to wage protracted struggle for many years, 10 years, 20 years. But I think that victory is certain and it is nearer than ever before. We must be vigilant.

UNITE!: What can people do to help the struggle in Zimbabwe?

ZANU: People can help us in many areas. First of all, we need help for the refugees. There are thousands in Southern Africa. We need food, we need clothing, we need medical care. We also need publicity about our struggle. People in this country can help us by demanding the closing of the Rhodesian Commission office in Washington, D.C. They are responsible for the recruitment of American mercenaries. Right now there are over 1,000 American mercenaries fighting on the side of Ian Smith. The American people can demand that they close that office. They can also picket and demonstrate at companies which trade with Rhodesia, like Mobil Oil.

ZIMBABWE WILL BE FREE!

Class Struggle Intensifies in Spain

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In a recent appeal, the Communist Party of Spain M-L (PCE M-L), called on the working people of town and countryside to rise against the austerity measures invoked by the Juan Carlos regime. Referring to the democratic mask used in the farce of elections, the appeal denounced the recent measures taken by the Suarez government, such as the devaluation of the peseta, price rises, wage freezes, etc.

"As is known," the PCE (M-L) points out, "the plan is aimed at unloading all the consequences of the crisis onto the working masses, condemning them to unemployment, hunger, misery and rising cost of living. The working class must not keep waiting even a single day to prepare the counter-attack against this criminal plan. It must extend the worker's assemblies and step up the class struggle, rejecting the deafening noise about passiveness and submission. All the class conscious working people must fight under the leadership of their Party, the PCE (M-L), and every battle to win their bread and jobs must also be linked in the class struggle which will lead to revolution."

In response to this appeal, the working class throughout Spain has come out on strike against the savage capitalist exploitation. Besides economic demands, the Spanish working class and people are fighting for their political rights, too.

In September, a big protest demonstration was organized in Barcelona on the occasion of the national day of Catalonia Province, in which about one million people participated. In October, 800,000 workers marched through the streets of Madrid. A week later, 100,000 working people of Cadiz participated in a demonstration against the monarcho-fascist regime. The demonstrators were protesting the high levels of unemployment and against rapidly rising prices. The army of unemployed workers in Spain now numbers two million and prices rose last month at an annual rate of 38.4 percent.

In Barcelona, recently, about 20,000 workers went on strike against unemployment and in the provinces of Navarra and Oviedo, workers downed tools for higher wages. Also, agricultural workers in Andalusia and Estremaduras have gone on strike under the leadership of the PCE (M-L).

The Spanish reaction is enjoying the support of opportunists and revisionist of every hue. They have united in choir with world reaction to preach "liberalization", "democratization", so as to make them acceptable. Carrillo, head of the revisionist Communist Party of Spain and creator of "Eurocommunism", speaks of facts which allegedly make "trustful the process of the democratic development which is taking place." The Spanish revisionists call on the working masses not to come out in the streets, but fully support the representatives of the reaction in power. Both U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism support the Juan Carlos regime and both spread counter-revolutionary illusions for their own evil purpose.

But these demonstrations and strikes by the Spanish working class under the leadership of their vanguard party, the PCE (M-L), prove that the masses of the people of Spain have not been pacified with the elections farce. Neither demagogic campaigns, nor fascist terror have been able to stop the resistance in Spain. And, the class struggle, irrespective of the criminal and undermining desires and actions of the bourgeoisie and its apologists, will become more acute, because the class contradictions in the country are becoming sharper. The genuine Spanish revolutionaries, the anti-fascists with the PCE (M-L) at the head, will know how to mobilize the masses, to temper them in battles which require sacrifices, but which lead to the sure road of victory, to socialism. ★

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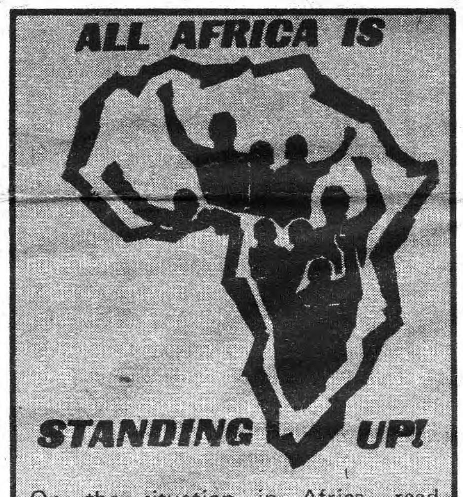

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HISTORY OF THE CPSU(B)

Chapters 11 & 12

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In the early 1930's, the imperialist world was in total crisis. But in the Soviet Union, socialist construction was well underway.

Collectivization

In agriculture, the drive for collectivization of the land was proceeding rapidly, although not without significant struggle. The majority of the peasantry had been won over to the collective farms. But there was still struggle against the kulaks (rich peasants).

Up to 1929 there had been a policy of restricting the kulaks because the collective farms were still weak and unable to replace the kulaks in the production of grain. In 1929, the Soviet Government moved to the policy of eliminating the kulaks as a class.

It repealed the laws on the renting of land and on hiring labor. This deprived the kulaks of both land and labor. It also permitted the peasants to expropriate the kulak's property for the benefit of the collective farms. This revolution in agriculture solved fundamental problems of socialist construction.

Socialist Industry

In industry there was a concerted drive to reconstruct and update all major industrial branches. But there was an obstacle in accomplishing this task. Certain members in the Party underrated the importance of modern techniques. They said that technique was the affair of the "experts". They disdained the development of modern industry.

In response to this backward attitude the Party launched a campaign to master technique. Stalin put forward the need for Bolsheviks to concern themselves with production and not let the fate of socialist construction fall into the hands of bourgeois experts. The party issued the slogan "Master Technique". The period of reconstruction was guided by this policy.

The First Five-Year Plan

In 1933, the first five-year plan had been completed. It was a tremendous victory for the working class and peasantry in the U.S.S.R. Some of the achievements in this period were: 1. the U.S.S.R. had been converted from an agricultural country into an industrial country; 2. the socialist economic system had become the sole economic system in industry; 3. the collective farm system had put an end to the poverty in the countryside; 4. the socialist system in industry had abolished unemployment, introduced the 7-hour day in many branches and the 6-hour day in unhealthy occupations.

Class Struggle

Stalin also reported at this summation of the 5-year plan that while the enemies and opportunists had been defeated, there still remained shades of bourgeois ideology in the minds of some Party members. This combined with the survivals of capitalism in economic life provide a soil for the revival of anti-Leninist groups.

In fact, the enemy was still around and continued to try and undermine the socialist country and the leadership of the Party. In order to strengthen the Party, Stalin called for the end to complacency in the Party and for class struggle to continue to be waged. He pointed out that the class enemies, as they get more desperate, take more drastic measures.

Crisis in the Imperialist Countries

While socialist construction was moving forward with great strides in the Soviet Union, the capitalist countries were completely beset by crisis. As a result, the contradiction between the capitalists was growing extremely sharp as well as the contradiction between the capitalists and the proletariat. In order to try and pull themselves out of the crisis, the imperialists were gearing up for an imperialist war. The U.S.S.R. could not shut its eyes to these developments internationally, because an imperialist war would primarily be directed against this socialist homeland. Faced with these developments, the Soviet government signed a number of non-aggression treaties with various countries and joined the League of Nations. But the Soviets knew that while they must take all measures such as non-aggression pacts, the real protection of the socialist state relied upon the inner strength of the country. So the drive for socialist construction surged forward.

Socialist Emulation

Passing from the period of "technique decides everything", the Soviets entered a period of "cadre decide everything". Stalin said, "it's time to realize that of all the valuable capital the world possesses, the most valuable and most decisive is people , cadre." There arose a great movement, the Stakhanov movement. This was a new wave of socialist emulation, representing the strides that had been made under the dictatorship of the proletariat. The Stakhanovites represented the future of socialist industry which contained the seeds of a rise in the cultural and technical level of the working class.

Constitution of 1936

These vast changes in the life of the country required that a new constitution be drawn up which would reflect these changes. The new constitution embraced the victory of socialism and represented a significant victory for the working class and peasantry of Russia.

In 1937 a general election was held which was extremely significant as 96.8% of the possible electors voted. This confirmed the real unity of the Soviet people. This kind of active participation in the elections is a far cry from the participation of the people in capitalist countries. The difference in participation comes from who is in control of the state. In the capitalist countries it is the handful of capitalists and in socialism it is the vast majority of the working class and its allies. So with the state apparatus run in the interests of the majority there is a real enthusiasm and high level of participation in all elections.

Lessons for Today

From this period of socialist construction we can learn of the continuing nature of class struggle. Not only is class struggle waged against external enemies or against the bourgeoisie, but it must also be waged against bourgeois ideology.

On the three fronts that class struggle is waged, the ideological, the economic, and the political, the political struggle is the first to be consolidated with the establishment of state power, then the economic with socialist construction being put on a sound footing, and lastly the ideological. It is an extremely protracted struggle to root out all vestiges of bourgeois ideology from the minds of people, as Stalin pointed out.

In the struggle to build a socialist economy, the Bolsheviks advanced the slogan "Master Technique". Since that time, there have been other forces in socialist countries, including Khrushchev in Russia, and Liu Shao Chi in China who have advanced the theory of "technique in command". What appears to be the same theory in appearance was in essence not the same. Stalin when he issued the directive "Master Technique" was speaking to a specific period in socialist construction, not the whole period of socialism, as he later put forward when the slogan became "cadre decide everything". When "technique in command" was advanced by Khrushchev and Liu Shao Chi it was not meant to help construct socialism but to undermine and destroy it.

The flowering of socialism in the U.S.S.R. in this period makes it clear beyond a shadow of a doubt that socialism is the true basis for the material and political welfare of the people. Today we have the great victories of the people of Albania, China, and other socialist countries to show the true value of socialism. The crisis in the Great Depression like the capitalists' crisis of today also makes the bankruptcy of capitalism equally clear.

But the History of the CPSU(B), like all subsequent history, makes it clear that for socialism to be built, it must be protected from continuing threats of capitalist restoration. To do this, the Dictatorship of the Proletariat must remain firmly in command throughout the period of socialism. ★

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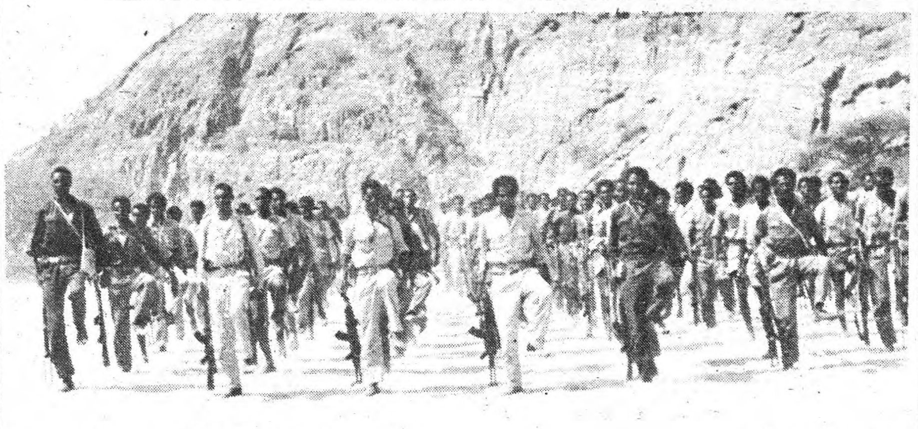

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IN AZANIA . . .

U.N. Arms Embargo a Feeble Gesture

Under cover of darkness, last October 18, the South African police unleashed the country's fiercest wave of repression in almost twenty years. Cruising the pre-dawn streets from Durban and Cape Town to Soweto, they arrested within hours ninety activists, journalists, and other Azania people. In connection with these arrests, the racist South African regime banned 18 legal organizations of the Azanian people and outlawed the largest Black newspaper in the country, "The World". The Pan African Congress of Azania (PAC) has been banned since 1960, but has continued to lead the Azanian people as an underground organization. Now nearly all organizations which the Azanian people could legally join have been outlawed.

This new stage of crushing any expressions of protest and dissent, however peaceful, is a continuation of the murderous attacks on youth, workers, and students in Soweto and elsewhere, and the brutal murder of Steven Biko. Faced with a revolutionary crisis of unprecedented proportion, the South African regime is resorting to ever more desperate measures, lashing out wildly in all directions.

In response to these outrageous, fascist attacks on the Azanian people, the United Nations – because of strong pressure from a unified Organization of African Unity (OAU) – has passed a resolution which calls for a mandatory embargo on all sales of arms and military equipment to South Africa. Under the terms of the resolution, the UN's 149 members are obliged to immediately cease the provision of arms, ammunition, military vehicles, and equipment and spare parts as well as new licenses for manufacturing such material. Another provision prohibits help in developing nuclear weapons. Governments are also called on to review existing contract or licensing agreements with a view toward ending them.

Also passed was an African-sponsored resolution which strongly condemned South Africa for "massive violence and repression". This resolution calls for the release of all jailed opponents of apartheid, the halt to violence against peaceful demonstrations, and the lifting of the ban against news media and anti-apartheid organizations.

While U.S. puppet Andrew Young claims that "we have sent a very clear message to the government of South Africa", and has played up the willingness of the U.S. and other western imperialists to impose sanctions for the first time against a U.N. member, the embargo resolution is basically worthless. The mandatory UN embargo is only a public slap on the wrist, a feeble gesture of disapproval that will have a minimal effect.

In addition to a complete arms embargo, the original African resolution forbid military patents and transmission of technical skills; forbid the sale of radar, computers, and other electronic equipment; demanded withdrawal of skilled, foreign technicians employed by South African defense industries; called for withdrawal of military attaches from diplomatic missions and banned visits of military and police personnel both to and from South Africa. The resolution also called for a ban on foreign investments and loans to South Africa. This resolution was defeated by the U.S., Britain, and France.

Without these aspects of the resolution, the mere refusal to provide arms and spare parts is a meaningless gesture.

Despite the bleating of the U.S., France and Britain that they want to put "pressure on the Pretoria regime to reject its apartheid policy", it is really their own superprofits they have in mind. They aim to justify their stand in support of the South African fascists to preserve and increase their privileges in plundering the natural resources and savagely exploiting the Azanian masses. Their profits from this plunder amount to billions of dollars every year.

Britain's trade with South Africa amounts to $7 billion a year. More than 400 German multinational corporations extract superprofits from South Africa. Iran, a leader of the so-called "non-aligned" movement, supplies the fascist regime with 90% of its oil. This oil is sold by South African subsidiaries of U.S. firms.

About 350 U.S. corporations have an estimated $2 billion invested in South Africa.

These multinational corporations and banks realize it is the very system of apartheid that allows them to extract gigantic superprofits from the savage exploitation of the Azanian people. The statements that the Western capitalists and the U.S. bourgeoisie oppose the policy of apartheid are merely deceptions. The struggle to pass meaningful resolutions which would cripple South Africa's economy has exposed them still more in the eyes of the Azanian people and the world.

The recent bannings and arrests by the South African regime are the desperate acts of a dying but still vicious regime. Progressive and revolutionary people everywhere support the Azanian people in their heroic struggle. Under the leadership of the Pan African Congress, the spirit of self-sacrifice and the revolutionary determination of the Azanian people will surely lead to victory!

Death to Apartheid!

Massive Demonstration Protests Shah-U.S. Ties

Led by the Iranian student groups massive demonstrations were held in Washington D.C. and Los Angeles. In Washington D.C. the demonstrators clashed with the paid supporters of the fascist Shah and the police. These demonstrations exposed the fascist regime of the Shah and protested continuing U.S. support of his rule.

The Shah's visit to the U.S. had three main purposes. First, to get help to prop up his fascist regime in the face of rising revolutionary struggle of workers, peasants and students. Secondly, he needs aid to strengthen his political administration and military capabilities in the face of a growing danger of an imperialist war. Finally, there is a need to prettify the Shah's tarnished image and unite the entire U.S. bourgeoisie around his ability to provide security for the U.S.

Iran today is a very unstable country. Once a totally self-sufficient agricultural society, today it cannot produce 7% of its internal needs. 40% of the national budget is allocated to military and internal security expenses. This is in a nation with 30 million people,75% of whom are illiterate; an infant mortality rate of 60%; and the average life span is 38 years old.

The Shah in order to keep a lid on the discontent and anger of the people has unleashed fascist terror. There are over 100,000 political prisoners who suffer barbaric treatment at the hands of the Iran secret police, SAVAK.

FIGHT
FASCIST

Iranian students and their supporters battle police and hired pro-Shah demonstrators The students wear masks to hide their identity from SAVAK which operates in the U.S.

Actively aiding the Shah to maintain his fascist rule has been and continues to be U.S. imperialism.

US Props Up Shah

The enormous profits that U.S. imperialism extracts from Iran constitute an "overwhelming security interest" for the U.S. But in spite of being armed with billions of dollars worth of U.S. arms and an extensive police apparatus, the Shah has failed to provide U.S. corporations with an "oasis of stability" to secure their profits. A severe economic crisis brought on by agricultural bankruptcy, a stagnant industry and home markets exhausted by U.S. dumping of goods and massive spending of oil revenues on military hardware has severely weakened the Shah. Also, the mass struggle of the Iranian people, combined with the disarray and disunity of the Iranian bourgeoisie has clearly exposed the regime's weakness and instability.

Carter recently issued a "secret directive" which calls for an expansion of U.S. strategic priorities in Iran and outlines the possible use of ground forces, supported by air and naval units in the Persian Gulf and the Middle East. Due to the intensification of contention of the two Superpowers over oil reserves and sea routes, both the Soviet Union and the U.S. are deploying massive troops and naval presence in this region.

Iran has spent over 27 billion dollars in arms over the past few years. Currently there are 40 thousand U.S. military advisors in the country. Another arms sale agreement is likely on the Shah's recent visit. This will help prop up the tottering fascist regime of the Shah. It will allow Iran to act as a watchdog of U.S. imperialism in the Persian Gulf and allow the regime to continue its war of aggressive against the people of Onan and to sabotage the struggle of the Palestinian people against Israeli Zionism. The blatantly aggressive nature of this plan which broadens direct military involvement of U.S. military forces, demonstrates the crucial nature of the Persian Gulf area to U.S. world dominance.

The objective facts of the relationship of Iran to U.S. imperialism stand in stark contrast to the theory of the "three worlds" which places the Shah as a leader in the "non-aligned movement". The proponents of this theory ignore the fascist nature of his regime and instead place him with the progressive forces of the world. Genuine progressive forces of the world, including the Iranian people, condemn this support for the Shah and will continue to expose his real nature.

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CONTINUED POLICY OF AGGRESSION

New U.S. Arms Build-Up

There have been many forces who have come to the aid of U.S. imperialism. Most recently it has been the proponents of the "three worlds". They lament that the U.S. bourgeoisie is appeasing the Soviet social -imperialists. But contrary to their beliefs U.S. imperialism is still following a policy of aggressive arms build-up in order to continue its plunder of the world's people.

In fact, Carter's first arms budget that covers the period of October, 1977 to October, 1978, was only slightly below the arms expenditures proposed by Gerald Ford. Now the Administration is preparing the budget for the fiscal year that begins in October 1979.

Far from representing arms cuts, it will bring arms expenditures to over $130 billions. After allowance for price changes, this will represent a real increase of over 6%. And this represents only the beginnings of the new build-up.

This build-up will take the form primarily of advanced weapons systems. Faced with the anger of the American people over the Vietnam War, and the crisis that has hit all the capitalist countries, the military planners for the U.S. bourgeoisie chose to take cuts in the military budget in the area of procurement of military hardware. This was done for two reasons. First, their only real choice at the time would have been to extend purchases on the old-style equipment used in Vietnam. The American people and especially the people of Indo-China made it extremely clear that the U.S. military would not be able to use even their existing stockpiles of such weapons.

Second, the U.S. bourgeoisie attempted to sidestep the anger of the American people by going to an all enlisted military as their strike force against liberation struggles, and the core of any build-up for a full-scale imperialist world war. This required that they double the pay per soldier. Still over 40% drop out before the completion of their first term (See the UNITE! series, "The Working Class Looks at the Military", September, October, November, 1977).

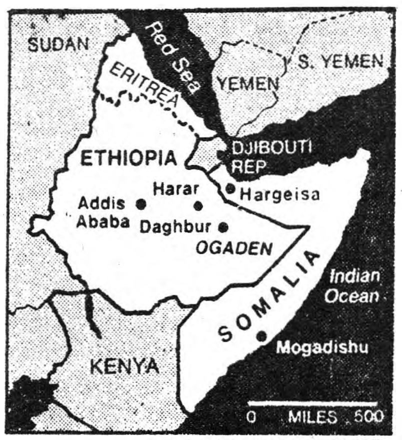
Throughout the 1972-77 period, the U.S. military maintained its expenditures for Research and Development (R&D). The results of that research are new weapons of destruction such as the neutron bomb and the cruise missile. **The U.S. bourgeoisie is now ready to take these from the development stage to the deployment stage.**

Far from turning inward, the U.S. bourgeoisie like all imperialists must inevitably pursue an aggressive policy of counter-revolution and imperialist war preparations.

USSR Thrown Out of Somalia, US Moves In

Once again, the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. are playing imperialist musical chairs in the Horn of Africa. The U.S.S.R. and its Cuban lackeys have been thrown out of Somalia. They have been replaced immediately by a U.S. military mission accompanied by a Congressional Armed Services Committee. This is the latest change in a series that has seen the U.S. lose its Ethiopian regime to an equally fascist one sponsored by the U.S.S.R. When both Ethiopia and Somalia were dependent on the U.S.S.R., the war over the Ogaden area was bound to lead to one of them going to the U.S. as a more reliable supplier of arms.

When the Somalis announced their intention to expel the U.S.S.R. and the Cubans, the Carter Administration hypocritically welcomed their new policy of "non-alignment". We have seen very quickly what "non-alignment" means. Both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. must be kicked out of the Horn of Africa. To excuse the presence of the U.S. in Somalia, on the grounds that the U.S.S.R. is in Ethiopia, is to support the presence of both of these imperialist robbers.★



The New York Times/July 29, 1977

Sadat Prepares to Sacrifice Palestinian People

As UNITE! goes to press, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is scheduled to speak before the Israeli Parliament. This astonishing move has split the already strained unity among the Arabs. The belief is that the Egyptians and Israelis are heading for a treaty between Egypt and Israel prior to the convening of the Geneva conference.

Although Sadat has said that he will uphold the demand for a Palestinian homeland, Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, immediately condemned Sadat's maneuver. The Palestinians have said that the visit "represents a dangerous turning point and a gain for the intrigues of International Zionism and the United States." The Carter Administration immediately endorsed the visit.

Under tremendous pressure at home, Sadat, like other forces in the Mid East is all too willing to sacrifice the interests of the Palestinian people for immediate short term gains. The people of the U.S. must continue to demand that the rights of self-determination of the Palestinian people be upheld.★

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On welcoming the publication of

Revolution Will Surely Triumph!

With great pleasure, UNITE! announces the publication of the new pamphlet **Revolution Will Surely Triumph!**, a statement from the Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee on the current international situation and the strategy and tactics for proletarian revolution.

Revolution Will Surely Triumph! is an important document. In clear terms it points out the path which lies ahead, and the pitfalls and murky swamps of opportunism and revisionism which line the revolutionary road. Militantly, fearlessly upholding a correct line, this pamphlet sheds clear light on the current struggle between Marxism-Leninism and opportunism on the international situation.

The main thrust of the document lies in three key areas. Firstly, the pamphlet exposes the bankrupt nature of the theory of the "three worlds", and reaffirms the Marxist-Leninist understanding of the strategic alliance between the proletariat and the national liberation movements in the semi-colonial and dependent countries. This alliance lies at the very heart of the oppressed and exploited people's program for revolution.

Secondly, the pamphlet clearly and concisely elaborates the four major contradictions of imperialism, and in so doing, reaffirms the Leninist understanding of the nature of the epoch of imperialism.

Thirdly, the pamphlet is a guide to action. It elaborates the correct strategy for revolution and national liberation.

For the international working class and oppressed peoples **Revolution Will Surely Triumph!** is a significant contribution to the world-wide struggle against revisionism and all forms of opportunism which seek to derail the revolutionary peoples struggle against imperialism. The pamphlet, of course, has special significance for the U.S. working class. Here in the U.S. the working class lacks the vanguard leadership of a genuine Marxist-Leninist party. As part of the struggle to build such a party, and step up the conscious struggle of the working class for seizure of political power, the clear line of the pamphlet demarcates sham from genuine revolutionary theory.

All revolutionary-minded workers and oppressed people should seriously study this pamphlet and rally around its correct line. While the general crisis of capitalism deepens, thrusting the imperialist system into a crisis from which it cannot escape, and as the threat of a new imperialist world war lurks on the horizon, today the peoples of the world are witnessing an upsurge in the revolutionary movement. A real fusion of Marxism-Leninism with the working class movement is taking place on an ever increasing scale. In numerous countries new Marxist-Leninist parties and groups are coming to the fore, taking up the bright red banner of proletarian revolution. Today the working class must direct its main blow against the enemy, in the direction of the social props. These reformists and class collaborators within the working class movement, and the opportunists of the social democratic parties, who are the main defenders of the theory of the "three worlds", must be resolutely exposed and their influence smashed.

The publication of **Revolution Will Surely Triumph!** is a component part of the struggle of the U.S. working class and its allies, to expose the proponents of the theory of the "three worlds" within the U.S., such as the Communist Party M-L (CP-ML) and the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP). These charlatans, by upholding this opportunist theory, misguide the working class, and objectively seek to give U.S. imperialism a new lease on life. With the rise of the revolutionary tide and in the course of world events, they will surely be washed aside to join the ranks of history's great traitors to the revolution. The die has been cast. Revolution will surely Triumph!

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Yugoslavia is Not a Socialist Country!

Two months ago, in UNITE!, Vol. 3, No. 9, we pointed to an increasing danger that was developing internationally. The proponents of the "three worlds" are resurrecting the notorious traitor to Marxism-Leninism and the working class, Josip Tito, long standing revisionist from Yugoslavia.

We warned at that time that uniting with Tito or support of Tito as a leader of the "non-aligned" movement was opportunist. We recalled the 1963 position of the Communist Party of China, under the leadership of Chairman Mao: "One's attitude toward Yugoslav revisionism is not a minor question, but a major question; it is a question that concerns not just one detail or another but the whole. It is a question of whether to adhere to Marxism-Leninism or to wallow in the mire with the Yugoslav revisionists." (**Whence the Differences**, p. 109).

Events have shown that this warning was entirely warranted.

The October 14, 1977, **Peking Review** marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the League of Communists of Croatia, one section of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia. Without any qualification or criticism, **Peking Review quotes** the Yugoslav revisionists: **"The working class led by the Communist Party has grown from an oppressed class denied of its rights to the leading force of the revolution."** By printing this revisionist trash without any criticism, the Communist Party of China is endorsing Yugoslav revisionism and undercutting the struggle of the working class and oppressed peoples of Yugoslavia.

In the October 8, 1977, **Daily News Release** of **Hsinhua** (the official news agency in China), this betrayal is carried to its limit. A **Hsinhua** communique from Belgrade begins, "The Presidency of the Central Committee of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia at its 31st session today heard a report from **Comrade Josip Broz Tito**, President of Yugoslavia and President of the L.C.Y., a report on his visit to the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the Soviet Union." (**Hsinhua**, Oct. 8, 1977, p. 8, our emphasis).

Continuing on the same path, **Hsinhua** also quotes these revisionists that the relations of Yugoslavia and China are those "between two independent socialist countries, both of which have embarked on socialist revolution and are playing important parts in international relations." (**Hsinhua**, Oct. 8, 1977).

Referring to the arch-revisionist Tito as "Comrade" and to Yugoslavia as a socialist country goes against the verdict which the Party of Labor of Albania under the leadership of Enver Hoxha and the Communist Party of China under the leadership of Mao Tsetung issued in 1964:

"Any attempt to reverse the verdict on the Tito Clique is a betrayal of Marxism-Leninism, of the 1960 statement, of the socialist camp, and of the international communist movement.",("Sino-Albanian Joint Statement", **Peking Review**, No. 3, 1964).

Historically, the Communist Party of China led by the great Mao Tsetung played a correct and valiant role in exposing and combating modern revisionism and the class collaboration of Tito. In the history of modern revisionism, Tito stands between Earl Browder of the U.S. and Khrushchev in the chain of betrayal. The stand of the Communist Party of China led by Comrade Mao Tsetung was an inspiration to the progressive people of the entire world.

Today, those that advance the theory of "three worlds" stand opposed to all that Mao Tsetung fought so hard to defend and develop. **The restoration of Tito is an inevitable result of the theory of the "three worlds" which makes no distinction between the world of capitalism and the world of socialism, and completely liquidates the historic role of genuine socialist countries in the world revolution.** By applauding Tito and Yugoslav revisionism, the theorists of the "three worlds" seek to obliterate the true nature and role of the socialist countries. A vivid example of this is the fact that this so-called strategic concept does not and cannot include the People's Socialist Republic of Albania! And yet, the theorists of the "three worlds" have no trouble in placing revisionist Yugoslavia in the "third world" and as a "socialist" country.

. . . and Tito and Brezhnev are not our comrades!

The revival of Tito is not some misapplication of this "strategic concept" of the "three worlds", but its inevitable logic. This is a vivid demonstration of the path down which the theorists of the "three worlds" would have the proletariat travel, and why this anti-Leninist theory is opposed and will be defeated!

Stop the Murder of Our Youth!

Chicago, Ill. – Tyrone Neal, a 14-year-old Black youth from the Woodlawn area on the Southside of Chicago, is dead, another victim of the trigger-happy Chicago Police Department.

Tyrone Neal and two companions were standing in front of a neighborhood barbershop waiting for a friend when the patrol car cruised by, backed up, and officer Everly jumped from the car with his gun pulled. His partner came up and frisked the youths, and finding that they had no weapons, and being told by the robbery victim in their car that these were not the youths who had robbed him, he returned to the car. Everly, however, was not satisfied. He demanded to see the boys' ID, threatening that "whoever doesn't have ID, I will blow his fucking head off". The other two youths produced theirs, Tyrone couldn't produce any; Everly pulled his .38 and shot Tyrone while he was still spread-eagled against the wall.

What is really happening here is that the police are unleashing a reign of terror, fascist terror, on national minority and white youth. With extremely high unemployment, especially among Black youth, cut-backs in community and school programs, there is a high level of discontent among working class youth. The capitalists fear that the outrage of the youth will explode. So they not only flood the streets with drugs, but their servants, the police, come down especially hard on youth. They run them off the streets, harass them, and pick them up whenever something goes down in the neighborhood.

Oppression Breeds Resistance; Misleaders Cop Out

People all over, and the concerned parents and youth in Tyrone Neal's community are not taking these incidents passively anymore. Following the example of the victory won in the Bennie Lenard case (see November UNITE!), they have begun to organize to fight police brutality and harassment, and to see that no more innocent youth are killed by trigger-happy Chicago police. They have joined together to form the Woodlawn Committee Against Police Brutality, which has already begun to mobilize people all over the city to join their struggle.

At the same time, it is significant to note that none of the community's Black so-called leaders, such as PUSH's Jesse Jackson, or Renault Robinson (of the Afro-American Patrolman's League) have spoken out against this blatant example of police brutality. This is because the officer involved is Black, the youth was from a poverty-stricken area (no "political clout"), and these mis-leaders are unwilling to point out that **all** police, regardless of nationality, serve only the ruling class. Building their own careers is the only interest of these Uncle Toms in disguise, not genuinely helping the people fight back against national and class oppression.

As the opportunist misleaders of the Black community try to hide in the woodwork, opportunists of different sorts emerge. The African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) – which is dominated by the Workers Viewpoint Organization – and the Revolutionary Youth League (RYL) tried to use the death of Tyrone Neal to promote their own aims.

After first agreeing to the demands listed on the Woodlawn leaflet which included calling for the prosecution of the police officer, the ALSC tried to have the MLOC and other forces ousted from the march and rally because of the demand to try Everly. Then, after agreeing to one community meeting, the ALSC turned around and called its own meeting.

The people of the Woodlawn area finally decided that they wouldn't work with the ALSC or RYL any more because of the splitting and wrecking activities. This kind of activity is completely consistent with the work of the Workers Viewpoint Organization all over the country.

Support the Three Demands

The Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee fully supports the concerned parents and youth in this area. We unite wholeheartedly with the struggle of the Woodlawn Committee, and raise the following three demands:

In Memory of

TYRONE NEAL

–Try Officer Everly for Murder!

–End Police Harassment of all National Minorities and Working Class Youth!

– Jobs for Youth!

Police brutality and repression will only finally end when the working class, led by its own communist party, overthrows the criminal rule of the bourgeois state. **But until that day, we must struggle to expose the role of the police as servants of the ruling class, and combat all attempts to institute a reign of terror and intimidation on the working class and national minority communities.** ★

Emigration: A Grave Wound of the Capitalist System

Immigration Conference A Hotbed of Reformists

In response to Carter's new amnesty plan for undocumented workers, a national Chicano and Latino Conference on Immigration and Public Policy was held in San Antonio, Texas, on October 28-30. Nearly 1500 people attended, including participants from Mexico. The conference focused on a fundamental question of democratic rights – the rights of 8 to 12 million undocumented workers in the U.S. today, 60% of whom are from Mexico.

The increased emigration from Mexico to the U.S. is a direct result of the general crisis of capitalism and its effects on the working class and poor in Mexico. The years of exploitation and oppression of the people of Mexico by U.S. imperialism has reaped its toll. With unemployment between 40 and 50%, intensive U.S. investments in agriculture which have forced millions of peasants off the land, large numbers of Mexican workers and peasants are driven across the border in search of employment.

In response to this situation, Jimmy Carter has proposed a reactionary and fascist scheme to try and prevent the growing tide of undocumented workers (see box). It is in this light that we must evaluate the recent Chicano/Latino conference.

There were several progressive measures which were adopted by the conference. They include the demand for full amnesty for all undocumented workers, an end to all deportation, the dismantling of the INS, a condemnation of the KKK and a rejection of the Carter plan.

In addition, the conference adopted resolutions supporting political prisoners in the U.S. like Mario Cantu (a restaurant owner in San Antonio who refused to cooperate with the INS), the Dawson 5, and Gary Tyler.

Revisionists and opportunists continued their tradition of wrecking and splitting at this conference. In this conference it was the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and the Raza Unida Party vying for domination against CASA.

In the course of the struggle, the Trotskyite SWP's treacherous role came to light as various people independent of CASA attacked the SWP for underhanded, scheming and unprincipled activities. From the beginning, the SWP had tried to channel the conference to its own ends. An example of this splittest activity was SWP's forcing through of a resolution by unprincipledly using the name of the Arizona delegation. Their purpose was to build a demonstration in Washington,D.C. that would be totally under their control.

The activities of the SWP at the Chicano/Latino conference is nothing new to the working class or national movements. Their method of work has won them the hatred and disgust of millions, as, for example, during the Vietnam War. The SWP did not recognize the National Liberation Front of Vietnam nor would they support the signing of the Paris Peace Agreement. This kind of splitting and wrecking activity is the unity that binds these Trotskyites together.

Opposing the SWP was CASA, a major force in the Chicano movement. They preach revisionism, upholding the Soviet Union and Cuba as socialist countries. They also hold the reactionary position that the Chicano peoples and Mexican peoples are one people. This view totally ignores the separate development of the Chicano peoples from the Mexican peoples. This position leads CASA to call for open borders, completely disregarding the fact that open borders would allow for even greater exploitation of the Mexican peoples by U.S. imperialism.

Given the leadership of these opportunist forces, any effort to get to the real source of the problem for undocumented workers was avoided. There was virtually no discussion of the nature of U.S. imperialism or the growing fascist menace in the U.S. Although both CASA and the SWP claim that they are fighting for socialism, there was no discussion of this as the real solution to the problems facing workers and oppressed peoples.

The conference was completely planned and dominated by these reformists and revisionists. This is a sad commentary on the work of Marxist-Leninists in the Chicano mass movement. The August Twenty-Ninth Movement (ATM), which for years has concentrated its work almost exclusively among Chicanos, attended the conference but had virtually no influence. Others such as the Communist Party (M-L), although attending, did nothing to struggle against the opportunist forces. When asked to join in a demonstration to confront the KKK Grand Wizard David Duke at the San Antonio airport, a member of the CP(M-L) refused, saying that that would only divert the program of the conference. Even in their summation of the conference in the CALL, the CP(M-L) completely failed to raise any criticisms about the domination of the reformists and revisionists.

The MLOC in the past has failed to take up the leadership of the Chicano movement. This has been due to the failure to apply the principles of proletarian internationalism to the conditions of the Chicano peoples coupled with former opportunist forces within the organization. There has been sharp struggle in the organization to defeat this incorrect line.

Recognizing this serious error, the MLOC is in the process of summing up this work and setting out a plan of rectification. **The work among the Chicano peoples and in the Southwest is an essential part of our work among the entire multi-national working class and oppressed peoples.** There can be no vacillation on this question and the MLOC is determined to carry out this work.

The conference reflected the revolutionary potential of the Chicano movement. In particular, a very large number of women actively participated in this conference, something that has not been seen in previous conferences of the Chicano and Latino movement, nor for that matter, in the proletariat as a whole.

The conference also reflected what critical importance the question of immigration and undocumented workers holds for the Chicano and Latino masses. It is a question which represents the cutting edge of the mass struggle for democratic rights for this section of the proletariat.

But on the whole the conference failed to address or mobilize the genuine revolutionary sentiments of the Chicano and Latino masses. Nor was the need to mobilize the entire multi-national working class to support this struggle of undocumented workers taken up. In a workshop, the MLOC raised three points: 1) the trade union bureaucrats should be condemned for failing to oppose Carter's plan and for failing to organize workers in the Southwest; 2) reliance must be placed upon the multi-national working class to take up the struggle for democratic rights; 3) the conference should adopt a sample resolution to pass in the trade unions and should make the trade unions on a local level the center of struggle for democratic rights. These were defeated through the joint efforts of CASA and the SWP.

But of all the lessons that the conference has for the multi-national working class and the oppressed peoples, the most important is the absolute need for consistent class conscious leadership in the form of a genuine communist party. Until this leadership exists, the reformists and revisionists will continue to hold sway and mislead the revolutionary struggle of the masses. ★

CARTER'S "AMNESTY" PLAN

Which Includes:

All documented workers who have resided continuously in the U.S. on or before January 1, 1970 can apply for permanent resident status. This status can lead to full citizenship in five years.

All undocumented workers who have lived in the U.S. before January 1, 1977 and who register with the INS, will be granted temporary resident status for five years. They can be issued work permits, but cannot receive Medicaid, foodstamps or other government benefits. During this five-year period, a final decision will be made about their legal status.

All undocumented workers arriving after January 1, 1977 will be deported upon apprehension.

Measures will also be taken to "increase existing border enforcement efforts." A minimum of 2000 additional border patrol agents will be placed on the Mexican border

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"An Incurable Disease of Capitalist Society"

The Albania Telegraphic Agency carried a report entitled, "EMIGRATION, AN INCURABLE WOUND OF CAPITALIST SOCIETY" on August 28, 1977. We reprint excerpts from this article here to point out that the situation with the undocumented workers in the U.S. is a part of a world-wide situation resulting from the general crisis of capitalism.

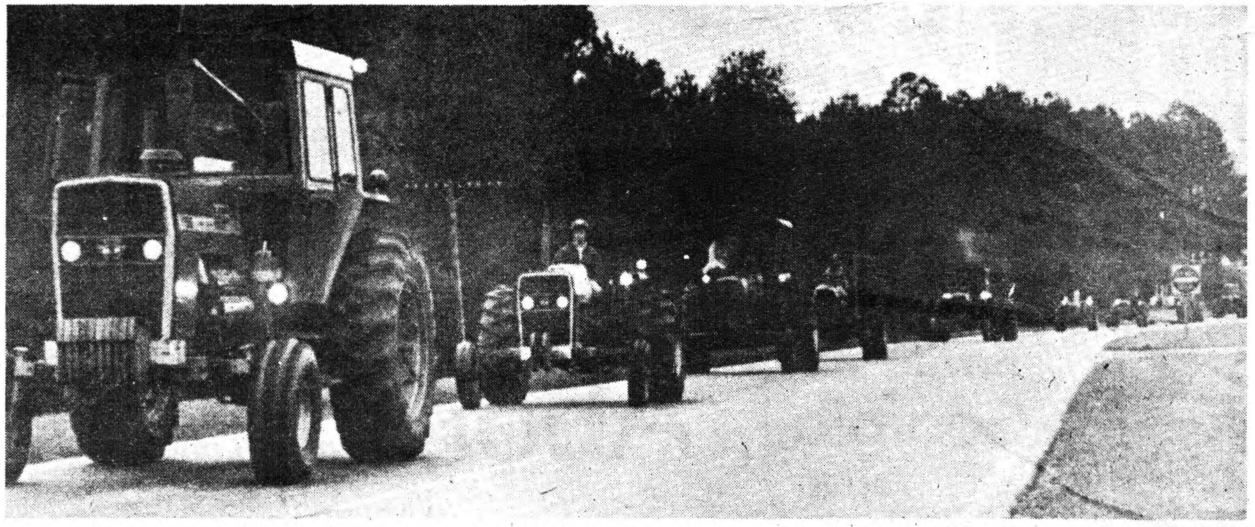
"Emigration has become one of the gravest wounds of the capitalist society. The general crisis which has gripped the capitalist and revisionist countries has brought about the impoverishment of the working masses, the deepening of the process of the polarization of the society, the increase in the number of unemployed and consequently the number of emigrants. Emigrant workers make up 20% of the labor force in France, 24% in Switzerland, ¾'s of the manpower in Kuwait, 2/5's in Saudi Arabia. In Western Europe and other countries the number of emigrants surpasses the figure of 15 million. . .

"The emigrant workers . . . as soon as they step in foreign land are faced with innumerable difficulties and the "paradise" they have dreamt of is turned into a hell.

"The bourgeoisie in the homeland of the emigrants after condemning them with unemployment at home and exporting them as commodities to other countries, draws its own profits from the exploitation of the emigrant workers in foreign countries . . .

"Today, unemployment and emigration,' said Comrade Enver Hoxha at the 7th Party Congress of the Party of Labor of Albania, 'have become chronic diseases in the capitalist revisionist world. They cause the common people fear and Insecurity for the present and the future and lower their standard of living.'"

Farmers Protest Low Prices and High Debts



A tractor-cade of 3,000 farmers drive into Statesboro, Georgia, protesting low farm prices and the governments failure to provide drought relief.

Statesboro, Georgia – Despite the threatening skies and intermittent rain, over three thousand farmers drove their tractors from the fair grounds on the outskirts of town to the city hall. They joined hundreds of others to hear speeches protesting current low farm prices and the failure of the government to provide relief for drought-stricken farmers.

This was the second mammoth tractorcade within a week. The preceding Friday, over two thousand tractors converged on Alma, Georgia. The demands were the same: 100% parity for farm prices (levels that would cover the price of production plus a small profit), and prompt action on the drought relief.

In the past these farmers have been very conservative. But now, many who had never taken part in a demonstration before are vowing to continue the protests even if they have to drive their tractors all the way to Washington. Support for a national farmers' strike planned for December is growing. These thousands of farmers are being forced into collective action by the pressures of capitalistic agriculture.

The immediate crisis resulted from an over-expansion of production, especially of corn and wheat, based on high prices over the past several years. The increased use of machinery, fertilizer, and high yield seed resulted in increased debt as well as a bumper crop this year. The bumper crop coupled with a smaller demand on the foreign grain market caused a steep drop in the prices of corn, wheat and other farm products. Corn that was selling at $3.50 or $4.00 a bushel last year dropped to as low as $1.50 this year. On top of this a major drought hit sections of the South, Midwest, and West resulting in a total loss for some farmers.

In Bullock County (where Statesboro is located) the income from agricultural products topped $50 million in 1976. This year it may not reach $30 million. The typical farmer in this area may have $60,000 to $75,000 invested in equipment alone. This coupled with the debts for land, seed, fertilizer, fuel, etc., may put the debt for a modest size farm into the range of a quarter of a million dollars. These debts must be met whether the crops are good or bad. And new loans must be taken out to put in next year's crops. Clearly many small and medium-sized farmers will not make it without help. These farmers will be forced to sell their land to meet their obligations. Those who manage to hang on for a few more years will be increasingly weighed down by debt and overwork.

The big agricultural interests have fared much better. These include such monopoly capitalists as Coca Cola, and Safeway, as well as big land owners such as Sen. Talmadge of Georgia and Sen. Eastland of Mississippi. Because of their greater share of the market, greater cash reserve, and their ability to hold their product off the market they have not been seriously affected by the current crisis. In fact, for many of them this is an opportunity to acquire more land and a greater share of the market as hundreds of their competitors are put out of business. As in industry, crises lead to the centralization of capital.

The government's policy clearly serves the monopoly capitalists and big landowners. The Carter Administration has so far given only false promises of aid to the depressed small and medium-sized farmers. During the summer the Small Business Administration made a lot of fanfare about low interest loans to drought-stricken farmers. As of November, virtually none of the 8,000 loan applications from Georgia farmers have been processed. The big agricultural interests in the Senate (Talmadge, Eastland, etc.), have done nothing but wait like vultures to see the "wounded small farmers fall". Under their influence the government's policy amounts to "nailing the lid on the coffin" of the small and medium-sized farmers.

The present crisis in agriculture is a reflection of a basic contradiction of capitalism. The drastic changes in the prices and demand of the goods is the result of the lack of a planned economy. There is anarchy in production. This contradiction gives rise to the condition whereby the greed for profit pushes production beyond the limits of the market imposed by capitalism itself. A break sets in between purchase and sale causing a slump. This contradiction, inherent in the capitalist system of production, can be eliminated only with the elimination of capitalism by a socialist revolution.

For this reason only a socialist revolution can save the toiling, exploited masses, the rural proletarians, semi-proletarians, and small farmers, from continuing insecurity, growing poverty and ruination.

In the immediate interests of these toiling masses the Party of the proletariat must call for and support the suspension of all rents, debts, and taxes on small farms in the Black Belt South.

We must carry out a ruthless struggle against the big landowners and monopoly capitalists. This includes the confiscation of their land for the benefit of the small and medium sized farmers, proletarian and semi-proletarians in the oppressed nation.

Support the Farmers' Strike!

Gary Tyler Denied New Trial

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Hahnville, Louisiana – On Friday, October 28, 1977, Judge Ruche Marino, the same judge who presided at the frame-up murder trial of Gary Tyler three years ago, denied Tyler's request for a new trial.

The petition demanded that a new trial be granted on the grounds that Tyler's conviction for first degree murder was based on false and perjured testimony, that his lawyer was incompetent, that the whole trial was fundamentally unfair.

The lawyer at the first trial, Jack Williams, had refused to request a change of the trial to another parish although the KKK had marched through St. Charles Parish. Gary Tyler had been repeatedly and brutally beaten by sheriff's deputies, the Tyler family was threatened, and Gary and his family insisted on the change. Williams, a white attorney doing his first "big" case, made numerous mistakes throughout the trial which were also challenged.

Testimony showed that during the entire year before the trial, Williams saw Gary Tyler three times, for a total of 75 minutes. Out of more than 60 students on the school bus with Tyler when the shooting occurred, he interviewed only three or four. And these he interviewed for the first time on the day of the trial. Williams testified that he didn't bother to interview 54 students because he knew what they would say even without talking to them. Besides, he said, "I subpoened 8 students and that was plenty for what I wanted." Williams said the reason he didn't "go into the streets to search for students" was because he wasn't asked to.

In sharp contrast to Williams' testimony, the Tyler family testified that they repeatedly asked their lawyer to interview witnesses, move the trial, etc. Williams would reply that he knew the judge, the district attorneys and the deputies and could get "favors" in St. Charles Parish. One of the "favors" he did in return was to refuse to fight to defend Gary Tyler. He also "neglected" to challenge a jury selection procedure where an all-white jury was chosen from a parish (county) which is 30% Black. Williams said that the selection of the jury seemed "fair to him". In response to the pleas for help, Mrs. Juanita Tyler, Gary's mother, testified that Williams just kept saying, "get me more money. I need lots and lots of money". Just before the trial was to start, Williams demanded $15,000 to continue on the case.

In his testimony, Gary Tyler told of the brutal beatings and torture against him when he was arrested. He described Deputy V.J. St. Pierre taking his shirt off "to get more comfortable" as he began beating Tyler with a blackjack, slapping, cursing and kicking him. At one point the deputy ordered Tyler to take his pants off so he "could see what a Black ass looks like". This torture went on for several hours, as Gary's mother stood outside begging them to stop. At one point deputies told St. Pierre he should try to beat Tyler more quietly as the loud screams and sounds of blows against Tyler's body could be heard throughout the police station.

The entire testimony demonstrated what all working class and poor Black people in the South already know: that **the courthouse gang of judges, district attorneys, police and bourgeois defense lawyers work hand-in-hand to deny the right to a fair trial. The hearing also reflected the fact that the court system will never free Gary Tyler.** Before the hearing Tyler had stated that he knew Marino wouldn't give him a new trial and that the only way he would be free would be through the building of a mass movement to demand his freedom. At a rally held after the hearing, Mrs. Juanita Tyler spoke for many present when she said, "We have to keep on fighting. We will never rest until my son and everyone like him is set free."

The case is now being appealed to the Louisiana Supreme Court. Letters can be sent to Gary Tyler at PMB No. 84156, Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, La. 70712.

Free Gary Tyler!

Stop Legal Lynching!

Step Up the Struggle to Free the Dawson 5!

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Dawson Court House, scene of the first Dawson 5 trial. A new trial has been scheduled for December 27. Continued mass support is needed to free these five innocent young Black men, railroaded by the system of national oppression.

Atlanta, Georgia – The legal conspiracy to lynch the Dawson Five moved to a higher level recently. On November 9, the Georgia Appeals Court ruled against the five defendants. Speaking for the court, Judge Webb overturned the order of Judge Farkas which threw out the forced confession of Roosevelt Watson. Evidence in the pretrial hearing had shown that the defendants had been threatened with castration and electrocution if they did not confess to the murder of Bubba Howell in January 1976. But despite this testimony which included that of William Rucker, a white former police officer in Dawson, the court ruled in favor of the prosecution.

Actually, the formal statement of the court did not speak at all to the substance of the appeal. Did or did not the police torture the youths into confessing? Rather, the whole issue was skirted and ruled on the basis of an obscure technicality. Judge Webb said that Farkas did not have the authority to throw out the so-called confession because Farkas did not conduct a new hearing when he took over for the first judge on the case, Judge Greer. What sly, devious reasoning to cover up their desire to continue to prosecute these five innocent youths! This Appeals Court decision puts to death the illusion that the big white landowners and the U.S. imperialists have given up and resigned themselves to the freedom of the Dawson Five. This myth has been circulated by the defense lawyer, Maillard Farmer and company, who labor under the delusion that the courts in the end will bring justice.

But there can be no doubt that the appeals court decision represents a clear and unmistakable intent to lynch the Dawson Five. The imperialists will fight to the bitter end, which includes using the Appeals Court as a tool and lackey in their hands.

Supporters of the Dawson Five, our task is clear! Let us move forward with greater energy and determination to defend these five young Black men. Let us drown the hopes of the reactionaries in an avalanche of mass protest that will bury the die-hards along with the national oppression of the Black Belt South!

Free the Dawson Five!
Self-determination for the
Black Belt Nation!

A Letter from JOHNNY JACKSON

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To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to thank the people for all they have done for us. I would appreciate if you could still lend a helping hand to continue on supporting the families of the Dawson 5. People should send donations to the Dawson 5 Support Committees, especially the one in South west Georgia.

Dawson 5 Support Committee
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Leesburg, Ga. 31763

Johnny B. Jackson
November 6, 1977

Buddy Cochran Convicted... but Exposes KKK in Court

Americus, Georgia – Buddy Cochran, the courageous white worker who plunged his car into a KKK rally in Plains, Georgia, last summer, was found guilty of 10 counts of aggravated assault. The trial came to an end in the Sumpter County Superior Court on Oct. 25. On November 18, Cochran was sentenced to 12 years in prison and 8 additional years on probation.

From the outset the trial was a contrived plan of the white landowners and U.S. imperialists to persecute Cochran for his firm stand in defense of the rights of oppressed Black people and his advocacy of multi-national unity. In this area of the Black Belt, where KKK lynchings and poisonous white chauvinism have a strong tradition, Cochran's attack on the KKK stands as a glowing symbol of multi-national unity in the likeness of the sacrifices of John Brown.

Buddy Cochran brought this just and combative spirit with him into the courtroom. He did not let himself be put on the defensive by the esoteric legal maneuvering of Judge Bank and the prosecutor who repeatedly warned that the Klan was not on trial. Rejecting this bourgeois trap, on several occasions Cochran went on the offensive and used the court as a platform to again attack the Klan. When Imperial Wizard Bill Wilkinson testified before the court, Cochran shouted from his seat, "Liar! You're guilty of murder in 1969. Your organization is guilty of murder for 200 years. If I have to, I'll prove it." On the stand, Buddy told the jury that his hatred for the KKK began when he saw three soldiers, two Black and one white, hanged at Camp Lejuene, N.C., in 1969. The soldiers were hanged shortly after the KKK held a rally near the base. It was known that the KKK had people on the base who had done the killings. Also, during the Vietnam War, one of his closest friends was a Black soldier who "got him through some tight situations." As he and the soldier became close friends, he came to reject all the chauvinist lies and slander against Blacks.

Cochran also revealed that the KKK had infiltrated the legal system in Sumpter County. Justice of the Peace Southwell, W.S. Anderson, and Thomas Holloway were all mentioned by him as Klansmen. It was Southwell that called for a summary execution of Cochran after he heard of the crash at the KKK rally at Plains.

At first the jury deliberated for 9 hours but could not reach a verdict. Judge Banks ordered them to go back and come up with a verdict. This pressure along with the influence of KKK sympathizers on the jury led to a conviction of Cochran. Black jurors were crying when the verdict was read. Obviously they were in sympathy with Cochran.

On the other hand, Cochran's effort was undermined when his lawyers entered a plea of not guilty because of insanity. This surprise eroded some real mass support for him. Especially in Americus, some Blacks thought he was trying to save himself at the expense of his beliefs. It is clear that Cochran had little to do with this "game plan". It was the result of his lawyers, who throughout the trial presented the question as a liberal would. These two National United Workers Organization – Revolutionary Communist Party (NUWO–RCP) lawyers told the jury that Cochran's hatred of the KKK led him to "temporary insanity". This was in strong contrast to all of his statements prior to the trial in which he held that he acted as he did because of his political convictions. On the other hand, Buddy's approach in court was consistent with his earlier view. While the lawyers begged for their client, Buddy attacked the Klan. Even when the verdict was given, the liberal opportunist lawyers were "very disappointed". But Buddy said, "We fought and we got a judgement, and it didn't change any of the beliefs I've got." **This is the difference between a proletarian fighter, on the one hand, and the whining bourgeois liberal opportunists of the NUWO–RCP on the other. Buddy Cochran will be free!**

COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE, NATIONS WANT LIBERATION, PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!

Workers' Movement

GERMANY – The Communist Party of Germany (M-L) (KPD M-L) is devoting special attention to the work with youth, to organize and lead them in the revolutionary struggle. Rote Garde (red guard), youth organization of the KPD(M-L) is the lever of the party which mobilizes and leads the youth on the road of socialist revolution and which educates them with communist ideas.

The Rote Garde stands on the side of the thousands of unemployed youth who have no future under capitalism. In factories, it supports the struggle of the young workers for better wages and working conditions. It shows them the road of determined struggle against the attempts of the bourgeoisie to sow discord between young and older workers. In the universities and high schools, the Communist League of Students (M-L) fights against the worsening of study conditions and the limitation of polical rights. It shows to the student youth that its struggle can be crowned with success only by joining the struggle of the working class, under the leadership of the party of the working class, the KPD (M-L).

NICARAGUA – Guerrilla forces have begun a major offensive against the military government of Anatasio Somoza, whose family has ruled this Central American nation for 41 years. At least six major actions were reported last month including an attack on a Somoza-owned concrete factory near Managua (capital). The guerrillas attacked a National Guard barracks near Ocotal, near the Honduran border and a military patrol at San Carlos, close to the Costa Rican border.

The Sandinist National Liberation Front has been active since 1962, but now has been joined by other forces who oppose the Somoza regime. The political impact of their offensive has been great because many people had been led to believe that they had been decimated by the regimes counterinsurgency activities.

ICELAND – A strike by 8,000 Icelandic civil servants is entering its second week. All planes are grounded, radio and TV stations are closed, except for weather and emergency reports, and eleven merchant ships are stranded outside Reykjavik (capital) harbor. Also, mail deliveries are stopped and telephone service is only partially functioning. Workers in hospitals and schools and government office workers have joined the strike. The working class and people in Iceland have also carried out a series of demonstrations in the last several months demanding the closing down of U.S. military bases in their country.

CHILE – The peasantry of Chile is extending its struggle against the fascist regime of Pinochet and the big landlords. The peasants of the province of Cochaghua, in southern Chile, are in the vanguard of this struggle. The Pinochet regime has ordered that the peasants of Cochaghua be evicted from their land and that the land be returned to the landlords. However, the peasants are resisting these measures and are resolutely defending their land. A similar struggle is being waged in other parts of Chile as well.

The Chilean revisionists and bourgeois democrats promoted the fraud that the peasants could win land reform through the peaceful and parliamentary road. The fascist coup in 1973, which was organized by U.S. imperialism, exploded all the revisionist myths of peaceful change. The peasantry has now plunged itself into the revolutionary struggle against the big landlords, which first of all means struggle against the Pinochet regime.

This struggle is being led by the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile. The RCP has dared to take the path of armed struggle, the only path which leads to victory for the masses of toiling people.

National Liberation

PALESTINE – Last month, an Israeli air attack totally destroyed the Lebanese farm village of Azziye killing over 50 women and children. The Zionists claimed to be attacking military targets, but Lebanese and Palestinian leaders both insist there were no fighters or military base in the area. In response to this and other vicious attacks the Palestinian liberation fighters are redoubling their efforts against Zionism. The offices of the Israeli Secret Service in Jaffa were destroyed by a bomb. Palestinians have mined roads through their homeland destroying jeeps and trucks, and bombs have been planted on a military base and a railroad line, resulting in heavy casualities and material losses. The Palestinian people are determined to dismantle the Zionist state and liberate their homeland.

THAILAND – The military successes of the Thai People's Liberation Army in the year since the reactionary bloodbath in October 1976 are acclaimed in a broadcast by the "Voice of People of Thailand". In response to the call of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Thailand, the Thai People's Liberation Army has turned sorrow into strength and dealt heavy blows to the enemy.

In the past year, the People's Army had almost 700 engagements with the enemy, more than in the previous year. They destroyed 3,455 enemy troops. Three helicopters were shot down and 25 damaged. Over 130 enemy armored cars, military trucks and construction vehicles were destroyed or damaged. They demolished over 50 enemy strongholds and captured large quantities of weapons.

The victories scored by the Thai People's Liberation Army have thrown the enemy into a panic, greatly encouraged the people and given powerful support to the struggle for independence, democracy and socialism.

PHILIPPINES – The fascist dictator Marcos never tires of declaring the New Peoples Army dead. But despite this, the NPA is continuing its vigorous assaults on the Marcos regime.

Recently, units of the NPA carried out a bold armed action only ten miles form the U.S. Naval Base at Subic Bay. The liberation forces ambushed a patrol of the Filipino Army on a mountain road. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the puppet troops before the NPA forces withdrew. No casualties or captives were reported among NPA forces.

The NPA is the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines. The working class, peasantry and other working people, under the leadership of the CPP and its army, are determined to continue their armed struggle against the fascist regime of the reactionary ruling class and the foreign imperialists.

Socialist Construction

CHINA – Regular physical check ups for expectant mothers mark the first step of children's health care in China. Modern delivery methods, prenatal checkups and post-natal care all effectively ensure infant health. In the old days, when the working masses were cruelly oppressed, the mortality rate for babies under one, especially in the villages, ran as high as 200 per thousand because of crude, unsanitary methods of midwifery and a shortage of medical services.

Now, a child is given a BCG vaccination immediately after birth, and at the age of from two months to seven years receives regular inoculations against a dozen diseases such as smallpox and measles. Also, children are given, at regular intervals, a medicine to prevent polio. All vaccines and medicines are provided by the state free of charge.

China carries out the child health work in compliance with Chairman Mao's teaching of "taking good care of the children's health."

ALBANIA – Foreign delegates, which attended the 7th Congress of the Labor Youth Union of Albania, spoke on behalf of the revolutionary youth of their countries and expressed their love for the heroic youth of Albania, and for socialist Albania. These delegates fervently praised the sacrifices of the heroic youth of Albania in the revolutionary anti-fascist war and in the struggle to build socialism. Many speakers also thanked the Albanian youth and people for their internationalist solidarity and support for revolutionary struggle throughout the world and pledged to fight side by side with Albania and all genuine communists who defend Marxism-Leninism.

Among those attending were the Communist Youth Unions of the Communist Party of Colombia (M-L), the Communist Party of Spain (M-L), the Communist Party of Italy (M-(M-L), the Communist Party of Germany (M-L) the Communist Party of Brazil, the Communist Party of Japan (left), and the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union of Vietnam.